

- (iii) the Operational Procedures for Rules of Origin referred to in Article 50;
- (b) discussing any issues related to this Chapter;
- (c) reporting the findings of the Sub-Committee to the Joint Committee; and
- (d) carrying out other functions as may be delegated by the Joint Committee in accordance with Article 14.

Article 50
Operational Procedures for Rules of Origin

Upon the date of entry into force of this Agreement, the Joint Committee shall adopt the Operational Procedures for Rules of Origin that provide detailed regulations pursuant to which the customs authorities, the competent governmental authorities and other relevant authorities of the Parties shall implement their functions under this Chapter.

Chapter 4
Customs Procedures

Article 51
Scope

1. This Chapter shall apply to customs procedures required for the clearance of goods traded between the Parties.
2. This Chapter shall be implemented by the Parties in accordance with the laws and regulations of each Party and within the competence and available resources of their respective customs authorities.

Article 52
Definition

For the purposes of this Chapter, the term "customs laws" means the statutory and regulatory provisions relating to the importation, exportation, movement or storage of goods, the administration and enforcement of which are specifically charged to the customs authority of each Party, and any regulations made by the customs authority of each Party under its statutory power.

Article 53
Transparency

1. Each Party shall ensure that all relevant information of general application pertaining to its customs laws is publicly available.
2. When information that has been made available must be amended due to changes in its customs laws, each Party shall endeavor to make the revised information readily available sufficiently in advance of the entry into force of the changes to enable interested persons to take account of them, unless advance notice is precluded.
3. Each Party shall, wherever appropriate, provide, as quickly and as accurately as possible, information relating to the specific customs matters raised by any interested person of the Parties and pertaining to its customs laws. The Party shall endeavor to supply any other pertinent information which it considers the interested person should be made aware of.

Article 54
Customs Clearance

1. Both Parties shall apply their respective customs procedures in a predictable, consistent and transparent manner.
2. For the accomplishment of the purposes of paragraph 1, each Party shall:
 - (a) make use of information and communications technology;
 - (b) simplify its customs procedures;
 - (c) harmonize its customs procedures, as far as possible, with relevant international standards and recommended practices such as those made under the auspices of the Customs Co-operation Council; and
 - (d) promote cooperation, wherever appropriate, between its customs authority and:
 - (i) other national authorities of the Party; and
 - (ii) the trading communities of the Party.

3. Each Party shall provide affected parties with accessible processes of administrative and judicial review in relation to the action concerning the customs matters taken by the Party.

Article 55
Cooperation and Exchange of Information

1. The Parties shall cooperate and exchange information with each other, in the field of customs procedures, including their enforcement against the trafficking of restricted and prohibited goods and the importation and exportation of goods suspected of infringing intellectual property rights.

2. Such cooperation and exchange of information shall be implemented as provided for in the Implementing Agreement.

Article 56
Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures

1. For the purposes of the effective implementation and operation of this Chapter, the functions of the Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures (hereinafter referred to in this Article as "the Sub-Committee") established in accordance with Article 15 shall be:

- (a) reviewing the implementation and operation of this Chapter;
- (b) identifying areas, relating to this Chapter, to be improved for facilitating trade between the Parties;
- (c) reporting the findings of the Sub-Committee to the Joint Committee; and
- (d) carrying out other functions as may be delegated by the Joint Committee in accordance with Article 14.

2. Further to paragraph 2 of Article 15, the composition of the Sub-Committee shall be specified in the Implementing Agreement.