

1. The Parties maintain their rights and obligations under Article XIX of GATT 1994 and the WTO Agreement on Safeguards.
2. Actions taken pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article shall not be subject to Chapter 20 (Dispute Settlement).

CHAPTER 7: SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

Article 7.1

Sanitary And Phytosanitary Measures

1. The Parties shall not apply their sanitary and phytosanitary measures in a manner which would constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade.
2. The Parties shall ensure that any sanitary and phytosanitary measure is applied only to the extent necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health, is based on scientific principles and is not maintained without sufficient scientific evidence.
3. The principles set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be applied in accordance with the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures which is hereby incorporated into and made part of this Agreement.
4. To provide a means of consultation and exchange of information between the Parties on sanitary and phytosanitary matters and enable the response to queries from one Party to the other within a reasonable time, the Parties shall maintain and communicate through the following contact points⁷⁻¹:
 - (a) for Korea, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry; and
 - (b) for Singapore, Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority.

CHAPTER 8: TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE AND MUTUAL RECOGNITION

Article 8.1

Objective

The objectives of this Chapter are to increase and facilitate trade between the Parties through:

- (a) the full implementation of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade ("WTO TBT Agreement");
- (b) enhancing bilateral co-operation by deepening their mutual understanding and awareness of their respective standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment systems; and

⁷⁻¹ The communications and essential information exchanged between the Parties shall be in the English language. Particulars relating to the contact points shall be exchanged at the earliest possible, after the entry into force of this Agreement. The Parties understand that the communications between the Parties can be made via fax, e-mail or any other means agreed to by the Parties.