

Chapter VII Safeguard Measures

Article 14

The implementation of safeguard measures concerning the imported products that are the object of the tariff preferences established in Annexes I and II shall be carried out according to the rules agreed upon in Annex IV of this Agreement.

Chapter VIII Antidumping and Countervailing Measures

Article 15

In applying antidumping and countervailing measures, the Signatory Parties shall be governed by their respective legislation, which shall be consistent with Articles VI and XVI of the GATT 1994, the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of GATT 1994 and the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures.

Article 16

The Signatory Parties undertake to give notice, within thirty (30) days and through their competent bodies, of the initiation of investigations in connection with dumping practices or subsidies affecting mutual trade, as well as the preliminary and final conclusions thereof.

Chapter IX Technical Barriers to Trade

Article 17

1. The provisions of this Chapter are intended to prevent technical regulations and standards, conformity assessment procedures and metrology of the Signatory Parties from becoming unnecessary technical barriers to mutual trade.
2. This Chapter applies to all standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures as defined in the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT Agreement).
3. This Chapter does not apply to sanitary and phytosanitary measures as defined in Annex A of the WTO Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement).

Article 18

For the purposes of this chapter, definitions as per Annex 1 of the WTO TBT Agreement and the decisions of the WTO TBT Committee established pursuant to Article 13 of the WTO TBT Agreement shall apply.

Article 19

The Parties or Signatory Parties affirm their existing rights and obligations in respect of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures with respect to each other under the WTO TBT Agreement.

Article 20

The Parties or Signatory Parties shall intensify their joint work in the field of standards, technical regulations, and conformity assessment procedures with a view to facilitating market access. In this process, the Parties or Signatory Parties shall seek to identify initiatives that are appropriate for particular issues or sectors.

Article 21

1. The Parties or Signatory Parties shall strengthen their mutual cooperation in the field of technical regulations and standards, conformity assessment and metrology in order to enhance mutual understanding of their respective systems with the aim of facilitating access to their respective markets.

2. For such purpose, the Parties or Signatory Parties undertake the following cooperation:

- a) to promote the application of the WTO TBT Agreement;
- b) to strengthen their respective bodies dealing with standardisation, technical regulation, conformity assessment and metrology, as well as their information and notification systems;
- c) to strengthen the technical reliability of standardisation, technical regulation, conformity assessment and metrology bodies;
- d) to increase participation and seek coordination of common positions at international organisations on issues related to this Chapter;
- e) to support the development and application of international standards;
- f) to exchange information on the variety of mechanisms to facilitate the acceptance of conformity assessment results;
- g) to strengthen mutual technical confidence between the competent bodies, aiming at negotiations of mutual recognition on technical regulations and standards,

conformity assessment and metrology in accordance with the criteria set by relevant international organisations or the WTO TBT Agreement.

Chapter X

Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Article 22

This Chapter applies to all sanitary and phytosanitary measures of a Party or Signatory Party that may, directly or indirectly, affect trade between the Parties. For the purposes of this Chapter, sanitary or phytosanitary measure means any measure referred to in Annex A, paragraph 1, of the WTO SPS Agreement.

Article 23

The Parties or Signatory Parties reaffirm their rights and obligations set out in the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

Article 24

Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures shall be subject to the conditions established in Annex VI of this Agreement.

Chapter XI

Administration of the Agreement

Article 25

The Parties agree to create a Joint Administration Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") comprised of the Common Market Group, or its representatives, on the side of MERCOSUR, and representatives of SACU or the Common Negotiating Mechanism on the side of SACU.

Article 26

The Committee shall hold its first meeting within sixty (60) days of the entry into force of this Agreement to establish its working procedures.

Article 27

The Committee shall meet ordinarily at least once every year, at such venues as shall be agreed by the Parties, and extraordinarily at any time, at the request of a Party.