

Chapter VIII

Transparency

Article 42 Contact Points

1. Each Party shall designate a contact point to facilitate communications between the Parties on any matter covered by this Agreement.
2. Upon request of the other Party, the contact point shall identify the office or official responsible for the matter and assist, as necessary, in facilitating communication with the requesting Party.

Article 43 Publication

Each Party shall ensure that its measures respecting any matter covered by this Agreement are promptly published or otherwise made available to the other Party so as to enable the other Party to become familiarized with them.

Article 44 Notification and Provision of Information

1. To the extent possible, each Party shall notify the other Party of any actual measure that the Party considers might materially affect the operation of this Agreement or otherwise substantially affect the other Party's legitimate interests under this Agreement.
2. Upon request of the other Party, to the extent possible, a Party shall promptly provide information and respond to questions pertaining to any actual or proposed measure, that the other Party considers might materially affect the operation of this Agreement or otherwise substantially affect its legitimate interests under this Agreement, whether or not the other Party has been previously notified of that measure.
3. Any notification or information provided under this Article shall be without prejudice as to whether the measure is consistent with this Agreement.
4. The information referred to under this Article shall be considered to have been provided when it has been made available by appropriate notification to the WTO or when it has been made available on the official, public and free of cost accessible website of the Party concerned.

Article 45 Confidential Information

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require a Party to furnish or allow access to confidential information the disclosure of which would impede law enforcement or would be contrary to the public interests, the laws of the Party protecting the privacy or the financial affairs and accounts of individual customers or financial institutions or which prejudice legitimate commercial interests of particular enterprises, public or private.