CHAPTER 13
TRANSPARENCY

ARTICLE 13.1: PUBLICATION

1. Each Party shall ensure that its laws, regulations, procedures, and administrative rulings of general application that may affect any matter covered by this Agreement are promptly published, including through the internet where feasible, or otherwise made available in such a manner as to enable interested persons and the other Party to become acquainted with them.

2. The Parties shall promptly respond to specific questions and provide, upon request, full information to each other on matters referred to in paragraph 1.

3. Nothing in this Chapter shall require a Party to furnish or to allow access to confidential information, which is designated as confidential under its domestic legislation, or the disclosure of which would impede law enforcement or otherwise be contrary to the public interest, or which would prejudice the legitimate commercial interests of particular enterprises, public or private.

ARTICLE 13.2: NOTIFICATION AND PROVISION OF INFORMATION

1. Each Party shall endeavor to notify the other Party the information on any measure that the Party considers might materially affect the operation of this Agreement.

2. 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 publicly available in accordance with the legislation of the Party concerned or has been published on the official, public and fee-free accessible website of the Party concerned.

3. Any notification, request, or information under this Article shall be conveyed to the other Party through Contact Points of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 13.3: INCORPORATION

For the purpose of this Agreement, Article X of GATT 1994 and Article III of GATS are incorporated into and made part of this Agreement, mutatis mutandis.