

**CHAPTER 17**  
**TRANSPARENCY**

**Article 17.1: 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 through the Contact Point set out in Article 20.4 (Contact Point) to specific questions and provide, upon request, full information to each other on matters referred to in paragraph 1.

**Article 17.2: Notification and Provision of Information**

1. Each Party shall endeavour 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 Point designated in Article 20.4 (Contact Point)

**Article 17.3: Incorporation**

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

#### **Article 17.4: Definitions**

For purposes of this Chapter:

**administrative ruling of general application** means an administrative ruling or interpretation that applies to all persons and fact situations that fall generally within its ambit and that establishes a norm of conduct but does not include:

- (a) a determination or ruling made in an administrative proceeding that applies to a particular person, good or service of the other Party in a specific case; or
- (b) a ruling that adjudicates with respect to a particular act or practice.