ARTICLE 18

Safeguard

1. During the 10 years following the entry into force of this Agreement, each of the Parties reserves the right to suspend equivalent concessions or other equivalent obligations in the event that the other Party:[1]

   (a) does not apply or ceases applying a UN Regulation as specified in Appendix 2-C-1; or

   (b) introduces or amends any other regulatory measure that nullifies or impairs the benefits of the application of a UN Regulation as specified in Appendix 2-C-1.

2. Suspensions pursuant to paragraph 1 shall remain in force only until a decision is made in accordance with the accelerated dispute settlement procedure referred to in Article 19 of this Annex or a mutually acceptable solution is found, including through consultations under subparagraph (b) of Article 19 of this Annex, whichever is earlier.

[1] The level of the suspension of concessions or other obligations shall be no more than the level of the amount of the bilateral trade between the Parties of products covered by the UN Regulation referred to in subparagraph 1(a) or (b) of this Article.

ARTICLE 19

Accelerated dispute settlement

Chapter 21 applies to this Annex subject to the following modifications:

(a) disputes concerning the interpretation or application of this Annex shall be considered as matters of urgency;

(b) the period for consultations provided for in paragraph 4 of Article 21.5 shall be reduced from 45 days to 15 days;

(c) the period for the issuance of the interim report of the panel provided for in paragraph 1 of Article 21.18 shall be reduced from 120 days to 60 days after the date of the establishment of the panel;

(d) the period for the issuance of the final report provided for in paragraph 1 of Article 21.19 shall be reduced from 30 days to 15 days after the date of the issuance of the interim report;

(e) the following paragraph shall be deemed to be added to Article 21.20: "The reasonable period of time should normally not exceed 90 days, and in no case shall exceed 150 days from the date of the issuance of the final report in cases where the adoption of a measure by the Party complained against does not require legislative action in order to bring that Party into compliance."; and