Annex IV
Referred to in Chapter 6

Disciplines on Domestic Regulation in Services

Article I
Scope

This Annex shall apply to measures by a Party relating to licensing and qualification requirements and procedures and to technical standards, and sets out supplementary provisions to Article 48.

Article II
General Provisions

1. Each Party shall ensure that measures relating to licensing and qualification requirements and procedures and to technical standards are pre-established, based on objective and transparent criteria and relevant to the supply of the service to which they apply.

2. Each Party shall ensure that licensing and qualification procedures are simple, reasonable and clear.

Article III
International Standards

The Parties shall exchange views in the Joint Committee or in relevant Sub-Committees or *ad hoc* working groups that may be established pursuant to Article 148, as necessary, on work relating to service standards conducted at an international level. Where a Party prepares, adopts or applies standard-related measures for which relevant international standards exist, the Party shall use them, or the relevant parts of them, as a basis for its technical regulations, except where such standards would be an ineffective or inappropriate means to fulfil its legitimate policy objectives, for instance, because of fundamental climatic, geographical, technological or infrastructural factors.

Note: "Relevant international standards" refers to standards adopted in international bodies whose membership is open to the relevant bodies of both Parties.

Article IV
Equivalence of Technical Regulations

For the purposes of providing a service from the Area of a Party into the Area of the other Party, the latter Party shall endeavour to treat a technical regulation for the service adopted or maintained by the former Party as equivalent to its own, provided that the latter Party is satisfied that such regulation adequately fulfils the latter Party's legitimate policy objectives.