Chapter 5
Technical Regulations, Standards and Conformity Assessment Procedures, and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Article 50
Scope

This Chapter shall apply to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures as defined in the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade in Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "the TBT Agreement") and sanitary and phytosanitary (hereinafter referred to as "SPS") measures under the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures in Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "the SPS Agreement"), that may, directly or indirectly, affect trade in goods between the Parties.

Article 51
Reaffirmation of Rights and Obligations

The Parties reaffirm their rights and obligations relating to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures under the TBT Agreement, and their rights and obligations relating to SPS measures under the SPS Agreement.

Article 52
Enquiry Points

Each Party shall designate an enquiry point which is able to answer all reasonable enquiries from the other Party regarding technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures, and SPS measures and, if appropriate, to provide their relevant information.

Article 53
Sub-Committee on Technical Regulations, Standards and Conformity Assessment Procedures, and SPS Measures

1. For the purposes of the effective implementation and operation of this Chapter, a Sub-Committee on Technical Regulations, Standards and Conformity Assessment Procedures, and SPS Measures (hereinafter referred to in this Chapter as "the Sub-Committee") shall be established on the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

2. The functions of the Sub-Committee shall be:

(a) exchanging information on technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures, and SPS measures, and where necessary, coordinating the exchange of information on generic medicine provided for in Article 54;

(b) undertaking consultations on issues related to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures;

(c) undertaking science-based consultations to identify and address specific issues that may arise from the application of SPS measures;

(d) consulting cooperative efforts between the Parties in international fora in relation to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures, and SPS measures;

(e) holding discussions on the participation of each Party in the existing frameworks for mutual recognition in technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures under international agreements;

(f) discussing Mutual Recognition Arrangements (hereinafter referred to in this Chapter as "MRAs") pursuant to Article 55 and other technical cooperation in relation to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures, and SPS measures;

(g) reviewing the implementation and operation of this Chapter;