2. Each Party shall, upon request by the other Party, within a reasonable period of time, respond to specific questions from, and provide information to, the other Party with respect to matters referred to in paragraph 1, in English.

3. Nothing in this Article shall prejudice as to whether a measure adopted by a Party is consistent or not with this Agreement.

4. When introducing or changing its laws, regulations, administrative procedures or administrative rulings that significantly affect the implementation and operation of this Agreement, each Party shall, to the extent possible, and in accordance with its laws and regulations, endeavor to provide, except in emergency situations, a reasonable interval between the time when such laws, regulations, administrative procedures or administrative rulings as introduced or changed are published or made publicly available and the time when they enter into force.

Note: For greater certainty, "administrative rulings of general application" means an administrative decision or interpretation that applies to all persons and fact situations that fall within the scope of application of such administrative decision or interpretation 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 in a specific case; or

(b) a ruling that adjudicates with respect to a particular act or practice.

Article 6
Public Comment Procedures

Each Party shall, to the extent possible and in accordance with its laws and regulations, endeavor to provide an opportunity for comments from the public on any regulation of general application that affects any matter covered by this Agreement.

Article 7
Confidential Information

1. Unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require a Party to disclose or allow access to confidential information, the disclosure of which would impede the enforcement of its domestic laws and regulations or otherwise be contrary to the public interest, or which would prejudice legitimate commercial interests of particular enterprises, public or private.

2. Each Party shall, in accordance with its domestic laws and regulations, maintain the confidentiality of information provided as confidential by the other Party pursuant to this Agreement.

Article 8
Review and Appeal

1. Each Party shall establish or maintain judicial tribunals or procedures for the purpose of the subsequent review and, where warranted, correction of administrative actions regarding matters covered by this Agreement. Such tribunals shall be impartial and independent of the authorities entrusted with administrative enforcement and shall not have any substantial interest in the outcome of the matter.

2. Each Party shall ensure that, in any such tribunals or procedures, the parties to the proceeding are provided with the right to:

(a) a reasonable opportunity to support or defend their respective positions; and

(b) a decision based on the evidence and submissions of record or, where required by its domestic laws and regulations, the record compiled by the administrative authorities.