2. In order to facilitate adjustment in a situation where the expected duration of a bilateral safeguard measure is over one year, the Party applying the bilateral safeguard measure shall progressively liberalize it at regular intervals during the period of application.

3. Upon the termination of a bilateral safeguard measure, the rate of customs duty for the originating good subject to the measure shall be the rate which would have been in effect but for the bilateral safeguard measure.

4. No bilateral safeguard measure shall be applied again to the import of a particular originating good which has been subject to such a bilateral safeguard measure, for a period of time equal to the duration of the previous bilateral safeguard measure or one year, whichever is longer.

Article 32
Investigating Procedures

1. A Party may apply a bilateral safeguard measure only after an investigation has been carried out by the competent investigating authorities of that Party in accordance with Article 3 and subparagraph 2(c) of Article 4 of the Agreement on Safeguards and to this end, Article 3 and subparagraph 2(c) of Article 4 of the Agreement on Safeguards are incorporated into and made part of this Agreement, *mutatis mutandis*.

2. The investigation referred to in paragraph 1 shall in all cases be completed within one year following its date of initiation.

3. In the investigation referred to in paragraph 1 to determine whether increased imports of an originating good have caused serious injury or threat of serious injury to a domestic industry under the terms of this Section, the competent investigating authorities of the Party which carry out the investigation shall evaluate all relevant factors of an objective and quantifiable nature having a bearing on the situation of that domestic industry, in particular, the rate and amount of the increase in imports of the originating good in absolute terms, the share of the domestic market taken by the increased imports of the originating good, and the changes in the level of sales, production, productivity, capacity utilization, profits and losses, and employment.

4. The determination that increased imports of an originating good have caused serious injury or threat of serious injury to a domestic industry shall not be made unless the investigation referred to in paragraph 1 demonstrates, on the basis of objective evidence, the existence of the causal link between increased imports of the originating good and serious injury or threat thereof. When factors other than the increased imports of the originating good are causing injury to the domestic industry at the same time, such injury shall not be attributed to the increased imports of the originating good.

Article 33
Provisional Bilateral Safeguard Measures

1. In critical circumstances, where delay would cause damage which it would be difficult to repair, a Party may apply a provisional bilateral safeguard measure, which shall take the form of the measure set out in paragraph 2 of Article 30, pursuant to a preliminary determination that there is clear evidence that increased imports of an originating good of the other Party have caused or are threatening to cause serious injury to a domestic industry of the former Party.