(b) where each Party adopts regulations relating to the subject matter of this Chapter, it shall, to the extent possible, publish comments received from the public and results of its consideration with respect to the proposed regulations.

Note: For greater certainty, a Party may consolidate the comments and results, and publish them in a separate document from the one that sets forth the final regulations.

Article 111
Domestic Regulation

1. Where a Party requires authorization for the supply of a service, its competent authorities shall, within a reasonable period of time after the submission of an application considered complete under its laws and regulations, inform the applicant of the decision concerning the application. At the request of the applicant, the competent authorities of that Party shall provide, without undue delay, information concerning the status of the application.

2. With a view to ensuring that any measure adopted or maintained by a Party in any services sector relating to the qualification requirements and procedures, technical standards and licensing requirements of service suppliers of the other Party does not constitute an unnecessary barrier to trade in services, each Party shall ensure that such measure:

(a) is based on objective and transparent criteria, such as the competence and ability to supply the service;

(b) is not more burdensome than necessary to ensure the quality of the service; and

(c) in the case of licensing procedures, is not in itself a restriction on the supply of the service.

3. Paragraph 2 is binding upon a Party only in sectors in which it has undertaken specific commitments in its Schedule under the GATS. Paragraph 2 shall be applied, to the extent possible, to the sectors where a Party has not undertaken specific commitments in its Schedule under the GATS.

Note: For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "sector" means one or more, or all, sub-sectors of the service concerned, as specified in a Party's Schedule under the GATS.

4. The Parties affirm their commitments with respect to the development of any necessary disciplines pursuant to paragraph 4 of Article VI of the GATS. To the extent that any such disciplines are adopted by the WTO Members, the Parties shall review them jointly with a view to incorporating them into this Chapter as appropriate.

Article 112
Recognition

1. For the purposes of the fulfillment, in whole or in part, of its standards or criteria for the authorization, licensing or certification of service suppliers, and subject to the requirements of paragraph 4, a Party may recognize the education or experience obtained, requirements met, or licenses or certifications granted in a particular country. Such recognition, which may be achieved through harmonization or otherwise, may be based upon an agreement or arrangement with the country concerned or may be accorded autonomously.

2. Where a Party recognizes, autonomously, or by an agreement or arrangement, the education or experience obtained, requirements met, or licenses or certifications granted in a non-Party, nothing in Article 105 shall be construed to require the Party to accord such recognition to the education or experience obtained, requirements met, or licenses or certifications granted in the other Party.