4. Each Party shall endeavour, where appropriate, to reduce or eliminate the non-conforming measures set out in its Schedules in Annexes 6 (Non-Conforming Measures Relating to Paragraph 1 of Articles 9.7 and 14.10) and 7 (Non-Conforming Measures Relating to Paragraph 2 of Articles 9.7 and 14.10) respectively.

Article 9.8
Domestic Regulation

1. Each Party shall ensure that all measures of general application affecting trade in services are administered in a reasonable, objective and impartial manner.

2. Each Party shall maintain or institute as soon as practicable judicial, arbitral or administrative tribunals or procedures which provide, on request of an affected service supplier, for the prompt review of, and where justified, appropriate remedies for, administrative decisions affecting trade in services. Where such procedures are not independent of the agency entrusted with the administrative decision concerned, the Party shall ensure that the procedures in fact provide for an objective and impartial review.

3. Paragraph 2 shall not be construed to require a Party to institute such tribunals or procedures where this would be inconsistent with its constitutional structure or the nature of its legal system.

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

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

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

(c) does not constitute a disguised restriction on the supply of services.

5. If the results of the negotiations related to paragraph 4 of Article VI of the GATS enter into effect, the Parties shall jointly review those results with a view to their incorporation into this Agreement, as considered appropriate by the Parties.

6. Where a Party maintains measures relating to licensing requirements and procedures, qualification requirements and procedures, and technical standards, the Party shall:

(a) where practicable, make publicly available:

(i) information on requirements and procedures to obtain, renew or retain any licences or professional qualifications; and

(ii) information on technical standards;

(b) where any form of authorisation is required for the supply of a service, ensure that it will:

(i) within a reasonable period of time after the submission of an application deemed complete under its laws and regulations, consider the application, make a decision as to whether or not to grant the relevant authorisation and inform the applicant of the decision;

(ii) on request of the applicant, provide without undue delay, information concerning the status of the application;

(iii) where practicable, in the case of an incomplete application, on request of an applicant, identify all the additional information that is required to complete the application;

(iv) endeavour to provide the service supplier whose application has been found to be deficient with at least one means to achieve the authorisation; and