2. Proposed modifications shall become effective provided the other Party does not object in writing to the modifying Party within 45 days after the date of notification.

3. A Party need not provide compensatory adjustments to the other Party where a proposed modification is of a purely formal or minor nature to its Part to Annex 13 (Government Procurement), such as:

(a) changes in the name of a procuring entity;

(b) merger of one or more procuring entities;

(c) the separation of a procuring entity into two or more entities that are all added to the list of procuring entities in the same Section of Annex 13 (Government Procurement); and

(d) changes in website references.

4. Where the Parties do not agree on the proposed modification, the objecting Party may request further information with a view to clarifying the proposed modification or may request that an offer of compensation be made where the objecting Party considers that compensation is necessary to maintain a level of coverage comparable to that existing prior to the modification. The Parties shall make every attempt to resolve the objection through consultations.

5. Where the Parties resolve the objection through consultations, the Parties shall notify the contact points provided under Article 1.14 (General Provisions - Communications) of the agreed modifications.

6. Neither Party shall undertake modifications to avoid the obligations of this Chapter.

Article 17.23
Privatisation of Procuring Entities

When government control over a procuring entity specified in Annex 13 (Government Procurement) has been effectively eliminated, notwithstanding that the government may possess holding thereof or appoint members of the board of directors thereto, this Chapter shall no longer apply to that entity and compensation need not be proposed. A Party shall notify the other Party of the name of such entity before elimination of government control or as soon as possible thereafter. Notification shall include evidence of such elimination.

Article 17.24
Further Negotiation

In the event that after the entry into force of this Agreement a Party offers a non-Party additional advantages of binding access to its government procurement market beyond what the other Party has been provided with under this Chapter, the former Party shall, on request of the other Party, enter into negotiations with the other Party with a view to extending those advantages to the other Party on a reciprocal basis.

Article 17.25
Cooperation

1. Each Party shall reply to any request from the other Party for an explanation of any matter relating to the application of this Chapter, including matters related to its procurement laws, regulations and policy guidelines.

2. Each Party shall use the contact point referred in Article 1.14 (General Provisions - Communications) for any request made pursuant to this Article.

3. The Joint Committee shall have responsibility for reviewing the implementation and operation of this Chapter.