(b) enhance mutual understanding of each Party's sanitary and phytosanitary measures and their application; and

(c) on a reasonable request of the other Party and as soon as possible, provide information on its sanitary and phytosanitary measures and their application, including:

(i) import conditions that apply to the import of specific products;

(ii) the state of progress of applications for authorisation of specific products;

(iii) the frequency of import checks carried out on products from the other Party; and

(iv) matters related to the development and application of its sanitary and phytosanitary measures, including the progress concerning new available scientific evidence, that affect or may affect trade between the Parties with a view to minimising their negative effects.

2. When the information referred to in subparagraphs 1(a) and (c) has been made available by notification of a Party under the SPS Agreement, or when such information has been made available on an official, publicly accessible and free of charge website of that Party, the information referred to in subparagraphs 1(a) and (c) shall be considered to have been provided.

ARTICLE 6.12

Technical consultations

1. Where a Party has significant concerns regarding human, animal or plant life or health, or measures proposed or implemented by the other Party, that Party may request technical consultations.

2. The other Party shall respond to such a request without undue delay and shall engage in the technical consultations to address those concerns.

3. Each Party shall endeavour to provide the information necessary to avoid a disruption in trade or to reach a mutually acceptable solution.

4. Where the Parties have already established other mechanisms than those referred to in this Article to address the concerns, they shall make use of them to the extent possible in order to avoid unnecessary duplication.

5. Each Party shall seek to resolve any concerns with respect to sanitary and phytosanitary measures of the other Party referred to in paragraph 1 through technical consultations pursuant to this Article prior to initiating dispute settlement proceedings under this Agreement.