3. With regard to subsidies related to services, this Article only applies to the following sectors: architectural and engineering services, banking services, computer services, construction services, energy services, environment services, express delivery services, insurance services, telecommunication services and transport services.

ARTICLE 12.6

Consultations

1. In the event a Party considers that a subsidy of the other Party has or could have a significant negative effect on its trade or investment interests under this Chapter, the former Party may submit a request for consultation in writing. The Parties shall enter into consultations with a view to resolving the matter, provided that the request includes an explanation of how the subsidy has or could have a significant negative effect on trade or investment between the Parties.

2. During the consultations, the Party receiving the request for consultation shall consider to provide information about the subsidy, if requested by the other Party, such as:

(a) the legal basis and policy objective or purpose of the subsidy;

(b) the form of the subsidy such as a grant, loan, guarantee, repayable advance, equity injection or tax concession;

(c) dates and duration of the subsidy and any other time limits attached to it;

(d) eligibility requirements of the subsidy;

(e) the total amount or the annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and the possibility of limiting the subsidy;

(f) where possible, the recipient of the subsidy; and

(g) any other information, including statistical data, permitting an assessment of the effects of the subsidy on trade or investment.

3. To facilitate the consultations, the requested Party shall provide relevant information on the subsidy in question in writing no later than 90 days after the date of receipt of the request referred to in paragraph 1.

4. In the event that any information referred to in paragraph 2 is not provided by the requested Party, that Party shall explain the absence of such information in its written response.

5. If the requesting Party, after the consultations, still considers that the subsidy has or could have a significant negative effect on its trade or investment interests under this Chapter, the requested Party shall accord sympathetic consideration to the concerns of the requesting Party. Any solution shall be considered feasible and acceptable by the requested Party.

ARTICLE 12.7

Prohibited subsidies

The following subsidies of a Party that have or could have a significant negative effect on trade or investment between the Parties shall be prohibited:

(a) legal or other arrangements whereby a government or a public body is responsible for guaranteeing debts or liabilities of an enterprise, without any limitation as to the amount and duration of such guarantee; and