of technical consultations under this Article, whether as the requesting Party or the requested Party. This notification shall contain a summary of the progress and outcomes of the consultations.

7. For greater certainty, technical consultations under this Article shall be without prejudice to a Party's rights and obligations pertaining to dispute settlement proceedings under Chapter 19 (Dispute Settlement) and the WTO Agreement.

Article 2.19: Import Licensing Procedures

1. Each Party shall ensure that all automatic and non-automatic import licensing procedures are implemented in a transparent and predictable manner, and applied in accordance with the Import Licensing Agreement. No Party shall adopt or maintain a measure that is inconsistent with the Import Licensing Agreement.

2. Each Party shall, promptly after the date of entry into force of this Agreement for that Party, notify the other Parties of its existing import licensing procedures. The notification shall include the information specified in paragraph 2 of Article 5 of the Import Licensing Agreement. A Party shall be deemed to be in compliance with this paragraph if:

   (a) it has notified the procedures to the WTO Committee on Import Licensing provided for in Article 4 of the Import Licensing Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "WTO Committee on Import Licensing" in this Chapter), together with the information specified in paragraph 2 of Article 5 of the Import Licensing Agreement; and

   (b) in the most recent annual submission due before the date of entry into force of this Agreement for that Party to the WTO Committee on Import Licensing in response to the annual questionnaire on import licensing procedures described in paragraph 3 of Article 7 of the Import Licensing Agreement, it has provided, with respect to those existing import licensing procedures, the information requested in that questionnaire.

3. Each Party shall notify the other Parties of any new import licensing procedure and any modification it makes to its existing import licensing procedures, to the extent possible 30 days before the new procedure or modification takes effect. In no case shall a Party provide the notification later than 60 days after the date of its publication. A notification provided under this paragraph shall include the information specified in Article 5 of the Import Licensing Agreement. A Party shall be deemed to be in compliance with this paragraph if it notifies a new import licensing procedure or a modification to an existing import licensing procedure to the WTO Committee on Import Licensing in accordance with paragraph 1, 2, or 3 of Article 5 of the Import Licensing Agreement.

4. Before applying any new or modified import licensing procedure, a Party shall publish the new procedure or modification on an official government website. To the extent possible, the Party shall do so at least 21 days before the new procedure or modification takes effect.

5. The notification required under paragraphs 2 and 3 is without prejudice to whether the import licensing procedure is consistent with this Agreement.

6. A notification made under paragraph 3 shall state if, under any procedure that is a subject of the notification:

   (a) the terms of an import licence for any product limit the permissible end users of the product; or

   (b) the Party imposes any of the following conditions on eligibility for obtaining a licence to import any product:

      (i) membership in an industry association;

      (ii) approval by an industry association of the request for an import licence;

      (iii) a history of importing the product, or similar products;

      (iv) minimum importer or end user production capacity;

      (v) minimum importer or end user registered capital; or

      (vi) a contractual or other relationship between the importer and distributor in the Party's territory.

7. Each Party shall, to the extent possible, answer within 60 days all reasonable enquiries from another Party regarding the criteria