(b) its importers retain, for at least a period of three years from the date of importation of the good, or a longer period in accordance with its relevant laws and regulations, all records necessary to prove that the good for which preferential tariff treatment was claimed was originating.

2. The records referred to in paragraph 1 may be maintained in any medium that allows for prompt retrieval, including in digital, electronic, optical, magnetic, or written form, in accordance with the Party's laws and regulations.

Article 3.28: Consultations

The Parties shall consult when necessary to ensure that this Chapter is administered effectively, uniformly, and consistently in order to achieve the spirit and objectives of this Agreement.

Article 3.29: Electronic System for Origin Information Exchange

The Parties may develop an electronic system for origin information exchange to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of this Chapter in a manner jointly determined by the relevant Parties.

Article 3.30: Transitional Provisions for Goods in Transit

A Party shall grant preferential tariff treatment to an originating good that, on the date of entry into force of this Agreement for that Party:

(a) was being transported to that Party in accordance with Article 3.15 (Direct Consignment); or

(b) had not been imported into that Party,

if a valid claim under Article 3.22 (Claim for Preferential Tariff Treatment) for preferential tariff treatment is made within 180 days of the date of entry into force of this Agreement for that Party.

Article 3.31: Penalties

Each Party shall adopt or maintain appropriate penalties or other measures against violations of its laws and regulations relating to this Chapter.

Article 3.32: Communication Language

Communications between the importing Party and the exporting Party shall be conducted in the English language.

Article 3.33: Contact Points

Each Party shall, within 30 days of the date of entry into force of this Agreement for that Party, designate one or more contact points for the implementation of this Chapter and notify the other Parties of the contact details of that contact point or those contact points. Each Party shall promptly notify the other Parties of any change to those contact details.

Article 3.34: Transposition of Product-Specific Rules

1. Prior to the entry into force of any amended version of the Harmonized System, the Parties shall consult to prepare updates to this Chapter and Annex 3A (Product-Specific Rules) that are necessary to reflect changes to the Harmonized System.

2. The Parties shall ensure that the transposition of Annex 3A (Product-Specific Rules) is carried out without impairing the Product-Specific Rules and is completed in a timely manner.

3. The transposition of Annex 3A (Product-Specific Rules) that is in the nomenclature of any revised Harmonized System following periodic amendments to the Harmonized System, shall be adopted by the RCEP Joint Committee, upon recommendation of the Committee on Goods. The Parties shall promptly publish the adopted transposition of Annex 3A (Product-Specific Rules) in the nomenclature of the revised Harmonized System.

4. For the purposes of this Article, "transposition" means the measures necessary to support the effective implementation of the Product-Specific Rules set out in Annex 3A (Product-Specific Rules), to reflect the periodic updates of the Harmonized System nomenclature.

Article 3.35: Amendments to Annexes

Amendments relating only to Annex 3A (Product-Specific Rules) and Annex 3B (Minimum Information Requirements) may be endorsed by the