free trade agreement or economic agreement in which it takes on a similar obligation.

CHAPTER 6

STANDARDS, TECHNICAL REGULATIONS, AND CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

Article 6.1: Definitions

For the purposes of this Chapter, the terms and their definitions provided in Annex 1 of the TBT Agreement shall apply.

Article 6.2: Objectives

The objectives of this Chapter are to facilitate trade in goods among the Parties by:

(a) ensuring that standards, technical regulations, and conformity assessment procedures do not create unnecessary obstacles to trade;

(b) enhancing the implementation of the TBT Agreement;

(c) promoting mutual understanding of each Party's standards, technical regulations, and conformity assessment procedures;

(d) strengthening information exchange and cooperation among the Parties in the field of standards, technical regulations, and conformity assessment procedures including in the work of relevant international bodies;

(e) addressing the issues that may arise under this Chapter; and

(f) providing a framework to realise these objectives.

Article 6.3: Scope

1. This Chapter shall apply to the standards, technical regulations, and conformity assessment procedures of central government bodies that may affect trade in goods among the Parties. This Chapter shall not apply to: