

CHAPTER NINETEEN

TRANSPARENCY

Article 19.1: Publication

1. Each Party shall ensure that its laws, regulations, procedures, and administrative rulings of general application respecting a matter covered by this Agreement are promptly published or otherwise made available in such a manner as to enable interested persons and the other Party to become acquainted with them.
2. To the extent possible, each Party shall:
 - (a) publish in advance any such measure that it proposes to adopt; and
 - (b) provide interested persons and the other Party a reasonable opportunity to comment on such proposed measures.

Article 19.2: Notification and Provision of Information

1. To the maximum extent possible, each Party shall notify the other Party of any actual or proposed measure that the Party considers might materially affect the operation of this Agreement or otherwise substantially affect the other Party's interests under this Agreement.
2. At the request of the other Party, a Party shall promptly provide information and respond to questions pertaining to an actual or proposed measure, whether or not the other Party was previously notified of that measure.
3. Any notification or information provided pursuant to this Article is without prejudice as to whether the measure is consistent with this Agreement.

