

## CHAPTER 6 : TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

### ARTICLE 6.1 : SCOPE

This Chapter applies to technical regulations, standards, and conformity assessment procedures as defined in the WTO TBT Agreement.

### ARTICLE 6.2 : ENHANCED COOPERATION AND CHAPTER 6 COORDINATOR

1. With a view to facilitating trade in goods between them, the Parties should to the maximum extent possible seek to enhance their cooperation with each other in the area of technical regulations, standards, and conformity assessment procedures and to deepen the mutual understanding and awareness of each other's systems, including through:

- (a) exchanging information on technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures;
- (b) holding consultations to address and resolve any matters that may arise from the application of specific technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures;
- (c) promoting the use of international standards by each Party in its technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures; and
- (d) facilitating and promoting mechanisms relating to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures that would enhance and promote trade between the Parties, including mechanisms established at APEC and other plurilateral fora.

2. In order to facilitate the cooperation described in paragraph 1, each Party shall designate a Chapter 6 Coordinator, which shall:

- (a) be responsible for coordinating with interested parties in the Party's territory in all matters pertaining to enhanced cooperation under this Chapter, including with respect to proposals for enhanced cooperation and responses to such proposals; and
- (b) normally carry out its functions through agreed communication channels and meet with the other Party's Chapter 6 Coordinator as and when they agree is necessary for the efficient and effective discharge of their functions.

### ARTICLE 6.3 : CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT AND OTHER AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

1. Each Party shall take steps to implement Phase I and Phase II of the APEC Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Conformity Assessment of Telecommunications Equipment with respect to the other Party.

2. The Parties should to the maximum extent possible also work towards enhancing the momentum of cooperation in line with their respective bilateral, regional and plurilateral agreements, including the APEC work program on Standards and Conformance. To achieve this objective the Parties should to the maximum extent possible examine the feasibility of cooperating with each other on conformity assessment procedures and other areas of mutual interest, including agreements where the relevant authorities from both Parties are willing to do so.

3. Each Party should to the maximum extent possible consider progress made on achieving the objectives of this Chapter during meetings of the Joint Committee established under Article 20.1 (Joint Committee).

4. The Parties establish the Medical Products Working Group referred to in Article 20.1.2(b) (Joint Committee), as set out in Annex 6A to this Chapter.

#### ARTICLE 6.4 : DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Chapter:

1. **WTO TBT Agreement** means the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade; and
2. **APEC** means the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum.