

ARTICLE 17

Technical regulations

1. The rights and obligations of the Parties in respect of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment shall be governed by the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the TBT Agreement").
2. The Parties shall strengthen their co-operation in the field of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment, with a view to increasing the mutual understanding of their respective systems and facilitating access to their respective markets.
3. Without prejudice to paragraph 1, the Parties agree to hold consultations in the framework of the Joint Committee where a Party considers that another Party has taken measures which are likely to create, or have created, an obstacle to trade, in order to find an appropriate solution in conformity with the TBT Agreement.