

2. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties to the dispute, when a dispute is the object of consultations in the Sub-Committee according to paragraph 1, those consultations shall replace the consultations foreseen in Article 310 of Title X (Dispute Settlement) of Part IV of this Agreement. Consultations in the Sub-Committee shall be deemed concluded within thirty days following the date of submission of the request, unless the consulting Parties agree to continue with the consultations. These consultations could be made via phone conference, videoconference, or any other means mutually agreed by the Parties.

CHAPTER 6

EXCEPTIONS RELATED TO GOODS

ARTICLE 158

General Exceptions

1. Article XX of GATT 1994, including its interpretative notes, is incorporated into and made an integral part of this Agreement.

2. The Parties acknowledge that Article XX (b) of GATT 1994 may also apply to environmental measures necessary to protect human, animal, or plant life or health, and that Article XX (g) of GATT 1994 applies to measures relating to the conservation of living and non-living exhaustible natural resources.

3. The Parties acknowledge that, at the request of a Party and prior to taking any measures provided for in Article XX (i) and Article XX (j) of GATT 1994, the exporting Party seeking to take the measures shall supply the other Party with all relevant information. The Parties may agree on any means required to put an end to the conditions necessitating the measures. If no agreement is reached within thirty days, the exporting Party may apply measures under this Article to the exportation of the product concerned. Where exceptional and critical circumstances requiring immediate action make prior information or examination impossible, the Party seeking to take the measures may apply forthwith the precautionary measures strictly necessary to address the situation and shall promptly inform the other Party.