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2. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall not apply to imports of products for immediate or ultimate consumption in governmental use and not otherwise for resale or use in the production of goods for sale.

ARTICLE VI

DISRUPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

1. Nothing in this Agreement prejudices or qualifies the right of either Party to enact and administer laws and regulations:
 - (a) consistent with the requirements of Article VI of the GATT and the related codes or successor agreements concluded under the GATT; or
 - (b) applicable to products imported in such increased quantities and under such conditions as to cause or threaten to cause serious injury to domestic producers of like or directly competitive products.
2. As soon as possible after a request for initiation of an investigation is accepted by the authorities of one Party pursuant to a law or regulation referred to in paragraph 1, and in any event upon the initiation of an investigation, the other Party shall be afforded an adequate opportunity for consultations with the aim of clarifying the situation and arriving at a mutually agreed solution. Furthermore, throughout the period of investigation, the other Party shall be afforded an adequate opportunity to continue consultations, with a view to clarifying the factual situation and to arriving at a mutually agreed solution.
3. The Party which initiates an investigation or is conducting such an investigation shall permit, upon request, access to non-confidential evidence and data being used for initiating or conducting the investigation.
4. Each Party shall ensure that its laws and regulations referred to in paragraph 1 are transparent and afford affected parties an opportunity to submit their views. Such laws and regulations shall not be applied in a manner that discriminates arbitrarily or unjustifiably between products of the other Party and products of any third country.
5. The obligations under paragraphs 2 to 4 shall apply to Vietnam at such time as it implements laws or regulations relating to the matters set out in paragraph 1.

ARTICLE VII

TRANSPARENCY OF INFORMATION

1. Each Party shall make available publicly on a timely basis all laws and regulations related to commercial activity, including trade, investment, taxation, banking, insurance, financial services, transport and labour.