

## ARTICLE XI

### General provisions

1. The SLA 2006 is without prejudice to the position of either Party as to:
  - (a) the validity of the AD Order or the CVD Order or any determinations underlying those Orders;
  - (b) the merits of, and any possible remedies arising from, any litigation related to those Orders; and
  - (c) the legal effect of any decision of any court or other dispute settlement body regarding those Orders.
2. The operation and application of Section B of Chapter Eleven of the NAFTA is hereby suspended with respect to any matter arising under the SLA 2006 and any measure taken by a Party that is necessary to give effect to or implement the SLA 2006. Consequently, no claim under Section B of Chapter Eleven of the NAFTA may be made against a Party by investors of the United States or Canada in respect of any such matter or measure. The Parties shall inform each national Section of the NAFTA Secretariat of this provision.
3. The Annexes are an integral part of the SLA 2006. No Person may assert any rights under the SLA 2006.

## ARTICLE XII

### Regional exemptions from export measures

1. Within 3 months after the Effective Date, the Parties shall establish a Working Group on Regional Exemptions. The Working Group shall develop substantive criteria and procedures for establishing if and when a Region uses market-determined timber pricing and forest management systems and therefore that its exports of Softwood Lumber Products to the United States qualify for exemption from the Export Measures in Articles VII through IX and Article X(2). The Parties shall make best efforts to incorporate the results of the Working Group's work into an addendum to the SLA 2006 within 18 months after the Effective Date. The mandate and procedures for the Working Group are set out in Annex 12.