

multilateral environmental agreements should prevail over the NAFTA to the extent of any inconsistency.

Recommendation No. 12 addresses an issue that is integral to the implementation of the Government's commitment to mutually supportive trade and environment policies. It is the policy of the Government to base policy on up-to-date scientific and technical information.

The Government believes it is essential to integrate trade and environment policy formulation, and to foster coordination between domestic trade and environment ministries to meet the challenges posed by the cross-cutting nature of these issues in both trade and environmental fora. As a matter of practice, trade officials consult widely in preparation for negotiations, including with Environment Canada and civil society.

