

6. Information communicated in confidence by a Party's competition authority to the competition authority of the other Party pursuant to Articles III, IV or V of this Agreement shall not be used for purposes other than competition law enforcement without consent of the competition authority that provided the information.

ARTICLE XI

Existing laws

Nothing in this Agreement shall require a Party to take any action, or to refrain from acting, in a manner that is inconsistent with its existing laws, or require any change in the laws of the Parties or of their respective provinces or states.

ARTICLE XII

Communications under this agreement

Communications under this Agreement may be carried out directly between the competition authorities of the Parties. Notifications under Article II and requests under Articles V(2) and VIII(1) shall, however, be confirmed promptly in writing through customary diplomatic channels.