

## **PART TWO TRADE IN GOODS**

### **Chapter C**

#### **National Treatment and Market Access for Goods**

##### **Article C-00: Scope and Coverage**

This Chapter applies to trade in goods of a Party, including:

- (a) goods covered by Annex C-00-A (Trade and Investment in the Automotive Sector); and
- (b) goods covered by Annex C-00-B (Textile and Apparel Goods),

except as provided in such Annex.

##### **Section I - National Treatment**

##### **Article C-01: National Treatment**

1. Each Party shall accord national treatment to the goods of the other Party in accordance with Article III of the GATT 1994, including its interpretative notes, and to this end Article III of the GATT 1994 and its interpretative notes, or any equivalent provision of a successor agreement to which both Parties are party, are incorporated into and made part of this Agreement.
2. The provisions of paragraph 1 regarding national treatment shall mean, with respect to a province, treatment no less favourable than the most favourable treatment accorded by such province to any like, directly competitive or substitutable goods, as the case may be, of the Party of which it forms a part.<sup>1</sup>
3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 do not apply to the measures set out in Annex C-01.3.

##### **Section II - Tariffs**

##### **Article C-02: Tariff Elimination<sup>2</sup>**

1. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, neither Party may increase any existing customs duty, or adopt any customs duty, on a good.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Goods of the Party" includes goods produced in a province of that Party.

<sup>2</sup> For the purpose of Article C-02, a good may refer to an originating good or a good which benefits from tariff elimination under a TPL.

<sup>3</sup> This paragraph is not intended to prevent either Party from modifying its tariffs outside this Agreement on goods for which no tariff preference is claimed under this Agreement. This paragraph does not prevent either Party from raising a tariff back to an agreed level in accordance with the phase-out schedule in this Agreement following a unilateral reduction.