

Article 7: Public Information

1. Each Party shall ensure that its laws, regulations and administrative rulings of general application respecting any matter covered by this Agreement are promptly published or otherwise made available in such a manner as to enable interested persons to become acquainted with them.
2. Subject to Article 21, each Party shall publish or otherwise make available in advance any such law or regulation that it proposes to adopt, so as to enable interested persons to provide comments.

Article 8: Private Access to Remedies

1. Each Party shall ensure that interested persons residing in or established in the territory of such Party may request the Party's competent authorities to investigate alleged violations of its environmental laws and shall give such requests due consideration, in accordance with its law.
2. Each Party shall ensure that persons with a legally recognized interest under its environmental laws in a particular matter shall have appropriate access to administrative, quasi-judicial or judicial proceedings for:
 - (a) the enforcement of the Party's environmental laws; and
 - (b) the seeking of remedies for violations of those laws.

Article 9: Procedural Guarantees

1. Each Party shall ensure that its administrative, quasi-judicial and judicial proceedings referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 8 are fair, equitable and transparent and to this end shall provide that such proceedings:
 - (a) comply with due process of law;
 - (b) are open to the public, except where the administration of justice otherwise requires;
 - (c) entitle the parties to the proceedings to support or defend their respective positions and to present information or evidence; and