
This will ensure that in areas where competition is allowed, monopoly services necessary for that business will be available in a non-discriminatory manner. For example, basic telecommunications monopolies will not be able to deny firms from the United States access to facilities for transmitting enhanced telecommunications services over their networks while permitting Canadian firms to do so.

Dispute Settlement

The general provisions to manage the Agreement and to avoid and settle any disputes will apply to services. This will require that the two governments regulate in a transparent manner including notification of any measures materially affecting the operation of the Agreement and consultation with the other country on new measures when this is requested. If it is not possible to arrive at a mutually satisfactory resolution, disputes can be referred to the Canada-U.S. Trade Commission and if necessary, and both countries agree, to binding arbitration.

Future Negotiations

In order to be able to make improvements to the services provisions of the Agreement, the two governments have agreed to review them periodically. Thus, in future, coverage may be extended to additional services as opportunities are identified for increasing access to each other's services markets. Improvements to the Agreement may be achieved by negotiating the elimination of measures which discriminate against suppliers from the other country or by negotiating additional sectoral coverage.