

ARTICLE 8

Mutual Cooperation, Assistance and Transparency

1. Each Party shall inform the other Party of all its relevant laws, regulations, standards, and requirements, and of its certification system.
2. The Parties shall notify each other of their proposed significant revisions to their relevant laws, regulations, standards, and requirements, and to their certification systems insofar as these revisions may have an impact on this Agreement. To the maximum extent practicable, they shall offer each other an opportunity to comment on such revisions and give due consideration to such comments.
3. The Parties shall, as appropriate, develop procedures on regulatory cooperation and transparency for all activities they conduct which fall within the scope of this Agreement.
4. The Parties agree, subject to their applicable legislation, to provide each other, on request and in a timely manner, information related to accidents, incidents or occurrences related to the subject matters covered by this Agreement.
5. For the purpose of investigating and resolving safety issues by mutual cooperation, the Parties shall allow each other to participate in each other's inspections and audits on a sample basis or conduct joint inspections and audits as appropriate.

ARTICLE 9

Joint Committee of the Parties

1. A Joint Committee is established, consisting of representatives from each Party. The Joint Committee shall be responsible for the effective functioning of this Agreement and shall meet at regular intervals to evaluate the effectiveness of its implementation.
2. The Joint Committee may consider any matter related to the functioning and implementation of this Agreement. In particular it shall be responsible for:
 - (a) reviewing and taking appropriate action with respect to contestations as specified in Article 5;