

ARTICLE VII

TRANSPARENCY OF INFORMATION

1. Each Party shall make available publicly on a timely basis all laws and regulations related to commercial activity, including trade, investment, taxation, banking, insurance, financial services, transport and labour.

2. Each Party shall provide interested persons of the other Party access to available non-confidential, non-proprietary data on the national economy, and specific industrial, agricultural, commodity or service sectors, including data on foreign trade and investment.

3. Each Party shall allow the other Party, when interested, the opportunity to consult on the formulation of laws and regulations which govern the conduct of business activities.

ARTICLE VIII

SERVICES

The Parties will enter into consultations with a view to broadening the scope of this Agreement to include trade in services, consistent with multilateral principles established as a result of the negotiations on the General Agreement on Trade in Services.

ARTICLE IX

MERCHANT VESSELS AND WATERBORNE CARGOES

1. In international traffic, the merchant vessels of each Party, merchant vessels chartered by persons of each Party, and the cargoes of such vessels shall during arrival, stay at, and departure from the seaports of the other Party, enjoy treatment, including access to harbour services, accorded to the most-favoured nation. This provision shall not apply to pilotage.

2. In relation to products transported between Canada and the Republic of Lithuania, neither Party shall create or maintain:

(a) discriminatory measures of any kind to marketing the services of, securing cargoes for, and transferring payments related to, the merchant vessels of the other Party or merchant vessels chartered by persons of the other Party; or