

Each Party has agreed to take into account the export interests of the other Party in the use of any export subsidy on agricultural goods exported to third countries, recognizing that such subsidies may have prejudicial effects on the export interests of the other Party.

The Parties have agreed that their primary goal with respect to agricultural subsidies is to achieve, on a global basis, the elimination of all subsidies which distort agricultural trade and agree to work together to achieve this goal, including through multilateral trade negotiations such as the Uruguay Round.

The Parties have agreed to minimize technical barriers on agricultural, food and beverage goods. This involves both countries' regulatory authorities cooperating to reduce technical differences which interfere with trade, while still protecting human, animal and plant health.

The Parties have agreed to consult semi-annually on agricultural issues. The Parties have also agreed to consult on agricultural issues at such other times as mutually agreed.

The Parties retain their GATT rights with respect to issues not otherwise provided for in this Agreement.

## **Wine and Distilled Spirits**

### Coverage

This chapter of the Agreement will apply to the internal sale and distribution of wine and wine-containing beverages, and distilled spirits and distilled spirits-containing beverages. It will not apply to beer or malt-containing beverages.