

CHAPTER ONE

INITIAL PROVISIONS AND GENERAL DEFINITIONS

Section A – Initial Provisions

Article 101: Establishment of the Free Trade Area

The Parties to this Agreement, consistent with Article XXIV of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994* and Article V of the *General Agreement on Trade in Services*, hereby establish a free trade area.

Article 102: Relation to Other Agreements

1. The Parties affirm their existing rights and obligations with respect to each other under the *Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization* and other agreements to which the Parties are party.
2. In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and such other agreements, this Agreement shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

Article 103: Relation to Multilateral Environmental Agreements

In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and the specific trade obligations set out in the Multilateral Environmental Agreements referred to in Annex 103, such obligations shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency, provided that where a Party has a choice among equally effective and reasonably available means of complying with such obligations, the Party chooses the alternative that is the least inconsistent with the other provisions of this Agreement.