

ARTICLE XIV

The provisions of this Agreement shall not limit the right of either Contracting Party to apply prohibitions or restrictions of any kind directed to the protection of its essential security interests.

ARTICLE XV

1. This Agreement shall enter into force provisionally from the date of signature. It shall be ratified by the Contracting Parties as soon as possible and shall enter into force definitively on the date of the exchange of instruments of ratification which shall take place in Ottawa.

2. The Agreement shall remain in force for a period of three years from the date of signature and may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Contracting Parties. Not later than three months prior to the expiry of the said three-year period, the Contracting Parties shall consult concerning measures necessary to continue the facilitation of trade between their two countries, including the renewal of this Agreement or the entering into negotiations for a new Agreement.