
31. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

Mexico's Objective

- Preserving the State-State dispute settlement mechanism, which gives consistency to the agreement by allowing the member countries to settle disputes that may arise regarding the interpretation, application, and scope of the Treaty.

Benefits for Mexico

- This chapter brings certainty to Mexico's trade operations and investments in the territory of its counterparts.

Chapter's Main Provisions

- Provides greater cooperation between the Parties to settle disputes through consultations, conciliation, and mediation (**Article 31.1**).
- Provides provisions to settle disputes that arise in labor and environmental matters, granting a greater degree of certainty in fulfilling the commitments assumed by the three countries in the USMCA (**Article 31.8**).
- Greater transparency in procedural matters through actions such as public hearings and the participation of third parties (**Article 31.11**).
- If the party against whom a decision is rendered does not comply, the complaining party has the right to suspend trade benefits until the panel's decision is complied with (**Article 31.19**).