

## United States – Mexico – Canada – Agreement (USMCA)

### Competitiveness

This chapter is new to the agreement and was **suggested by Mexico**, based on the idea that the **country's growth and development** are closely **related to the competitiveness of its North American partners**, which is why it is fundamental to deepen the region's economic integration.

#### General dispositions:

- It **acknowledges the unique economic and commercial ties**, the proximity and importance of trade flows through the region's borders.
- This chapter establishes an **information exchange** and implementation **mechanism** to favor competitiveness in North America. For example, creating an international forum to discuss North American competitiveness.
- A **Competitiveness Committee** is established, composed by government representatives of the three Parties, in **order to promote economic integration among the region. This Committee will coordinate with the Parties' corresponding agencies** and organisms for whatever is pertinent regarding competitiveness. Some of its functions include:
  - Discuss and perform **cooperation activities to encourage production** in North America, **facilitate regional trade and investment, promote goods and services circulation** in the region, and provide an answer **to market and emerging technologies developments.**
  - Present **recommendations** to the **Free Trade Commission** to enhance competitiveness in the region.
  - Identify **priority projects and policy** to develop **physical and digital infrastructure** to better merchandise circulation.
  - Discuss **collective action required to fight distorting practices** for the **market by other countries** not party to the Agreement that could affect the region's competitiveness.
  - Promote **cooperation activities in innovation and technology.**