

Annex 9
referred to in Chapter 12

Transition Periods for Bangladesh

1. For the purposes of this Annex:
 - (a) the term “transition period” means a period of time, before the expiry of which Bangladesh shall fully implement specific provisions of Chapter 12; and
 - (b) the number of years, such as “10 years”, indicates the transition period of Bangladesh which begins on the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

2. Bangladesh may delay the implementation of specific provisions until the expiry of their respective transition periods, as set out in the table below:

Specific Provisions	Transition Periods
Subparagraph 2(a) of Article 12.4 (Multilateral Agreements) (with respect to the PCT)	10 years, which may be extended once for five years
Subparagraph 2(b) of Article 12.4 (Multilateral Agreements) (with respect to the Madrid Protocol)	10 years
Article 12.43 (New Varieties of Plants)	10 years
Article 12.44 (Effective Protection against Unfair Competition)	10 years, which may be extended once for five years
Article 12.45 (Domain Names)	10 years, which may be extended once for five years
Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 12.52 (Destroying Infringing Goods and Materials and Implements)	10 years, which may be extended once for five years
Paragraph 2 of Article 12.63 (Criminal Procedures and Penalties)	10 years, which may be extended once for five years