(d) imposed for the protection of national treasures of artistic, historic or archaeological value; or

(e) relating to the conservation of exhaustible natural resources if such measures are made effective in conjunction with restrictions on domestic production or consumption.

Article 51.15
Special Formalities and Information Requirements

1. Nothing in Article 51.3 shall be construed to prevent a Party from adopting or maintaining a measure that prescribes special formalities in connection with investments, including a requirement that investments be legally constituted or comply with registration requirements, provided that such formalities do not materially impair the rights afforded by a Party to investors of another Party and investments pursuant to this Chapter.

2. Notwithstanding Article 51.3, a Party may require an investor of another Party, or a covered investment, to provide information concerning that investment solely for information or statistical purposes. The Party shall protect any confidential information from any disclosure that would prejudice legitimate commercial interests of particular juridical persons, public or private, or the competitive position of the investor or the covered investment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prevent a Party from otherwise obtaining or disclosing information in connection with the equitable and good-faith application of its law.

Article 51.16
Special and Differential Treatment for the Newer ASEAN Member States

In order to increase benefits of this Chapter for the newer ASEAN Member States, and in accordance with Articles 2, 3 and 52, special and differential treatment should be accorded to the newer ASEAN Member States under this Chapter, through:

(a) access to information on the investment policies of other Parties, business information, relevant databases and contact point for investment promotion;

(b) technical assistance to strengthen their capacity in relation to investment policies and promotion including in areas such as human resource development;

(c) commitments in areas of interest to the newer ASEAN Member States; and

(d) recognising that commitments by each newer ASEAN Member State may be made in accordance with its individual stage of development.

Article 51.17
Promotion of Investment

1. Each Party should further promote investment in order to strengthen the economic relationship among Parties.

2. Subject to their laws and regulations and the availability of funds, the Parties shall cooperate in promoting and increasing awareness of ASEAN-Japan as an investment area, where possible, through, among others:

(a) organising investment promotion activities;

(b) promoting business matching events;

(c) organising and supporting the organisation of various briefings and seminars on investment opportunities and on investment laws, regulations and policies; and

(d) conducting information exchanges on other issues of mutual concern relating to investment promotion and facilitation.

Article 51.18
Facilitation of Investment

1. Each Party shall endeavour to further create stable, favourable and transparent conditions in order to encourage greater investment by investors of another Party in its territory.