Article 7
Amendment to Chapter 10 (Final Provisions)
of the AJCEP Agreement

Paragraph 5 of Article 77 of the AJCEP Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

"5. Notwithstanding paragraph 2, amendments relating only to:

(a) Annex 1 (provided that the amendments are made in accordance with the methodologies and procedures adopted by the Joint Committee for updating Annex 1 to reflect the amendment of the Harmonized System);

(b) Annex 2;

(c) Attachment to Annex 4; or

(d) Annex 5,

may be adopted by the Joint Committee. Such amendments shall enter into force in relation to all the Parties and be implemented from such date as agreed by the Joint Committee.

Note: For greater certainty, paragraph 5 is without prejudice to the completion of any necessary internal procedures by the Government of each Party."

Article 8
Entry into Force

1. The Government of each signatory State shall notify the Governments of other signatory States in writing that its legal procedures necessary for entry into force of this Protocol have been completed. This Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date by which such notifications have been made by the Governments of Japan and at least one (1) ASEAN Member State in relation to those signatory States that have made such notifications by that date.

2. In relation to an ASEAN Member State making the notification referred to in paragraph 1 after the date by which the notifications have been made by the Governments of Japan and at least one (1) ASEAN Member State as referred to in paragraph 1, this Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date on which that ASEAN Member State makes the notification.

3. The ASEAN Member State referred to in paragraph 2 shall be bound by any amendment that may have been adopted by the Joint Committee and takes effect pursuant to paragraph 5 of Article 77 of the AJCEP Agreement by the time of entry into force of this Protocol for it. This paragraph shall not prevent the Parties of the AJCEP Agreement for which this Protocol has entered into force from applying such amendment to that ASEAN Member State before the date of entry into force of this Protocol for it.

4. This Protocol shall remain in force as long as the AJCEP Agreement remains in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Protocol.

DONE in duplicate in the English language and SIGNED at Tokyo on the twenty-seventh day of February in the year 2019, at Siem Reap, Cambodia on the second day of March in the year 2019, and at Hanoi on the twenty-fourth day of April in the year of 2019.