2. This Agreement may be amended by agreement between the Contracting Parties and amendments shall enter into force in the manner as described in Article 6 of this Agreement.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 of this Article, amendments related only to the Annexes may be made by means of an exchange of diplomatic notes between the European Union and the Government of Japan, in conformity with their applicable domestic procedures.

ARTICLE 6

1. Each Contracting Party shall send through diplomatic channels to the other Contracting Party the notification confirming that its internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement have been completed.

2. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the next month following the date of receipt of the latter notification.

3. The notification to the European Union in accordance with this Article shall be delivered to the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union.

ARTICLE 7

1. In the event that an agreement listed in Annex I is terminated, the provisions of this Agreement shall cease to apply to that agreement as from the date of termination. References in this Agreement to the terminated agreement shall be deemed null and void as from that date.

2. In the event that all agreements listed in Annex I are terminated, this Agreement shall terminate on the date of the termination of the last agreement.

ARTICLE 8

1. This Agreement is drawn up in duplicate in the Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish and Japanese languages, all texts being equally authentic.

2. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the text of the language in which this Agreement was negotiated shall prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorised to this effect, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Brussels on the twentieth day of February in the year two thousand and twenty three.

For the European Union

Lars Danielsson

Filip Cornelis

For Japan

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