Chapter 1
General Provisions

Article 1
Objectives

The objectives of this Agreement are to:

(a) liberalise and facilitate trade in goods and services between the Parties;

(b) increase investment opportunities and strengthen protection for investments and investment activities in the Parties;

(c) promote cooperation and coordination for the effective enforcement of competition laws and regulations in each Party;

(d) ensure protection of intellectual property and promote cooperation in this field;

(e) enhance opportunities for suppliers of the Parties to participate in government procurement in the Parties; and

(f) create effective procedures for the implementation of this Agreement and for the resolution of disputes.

Article 2
Scope of Application

Unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement, wherever applicable, this Agreement shall apply to the territories of the Parties.

Article 3
General Definitions

For the purposes of this Agreement:

(a) "Area" of a Party means:

(i) with respect to Japan, the territory of Japan, and all the area beyond its territorial sea, including the sea-bed and subsoil thereof, over which Japan exercises sovereign rights or jurisdiction in accordance with international law and the laws and regulations of Japan; and

(ii) with respect to Switzerland, the territory of Switzerland;

(b) "customs territory" of a Party means the territory with respect to which the customs laws of the Party are in force. The customs territory of Switzerland includes the territory of the Principality of Liechtenstein, as long as the Customs Union Treaty of 29 March 1923 between the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein remains in force;

(c) "GATS" means the General Agreement on Trade in Services in Annex 1B to the WTO Agreement;

(d) "GATT 1994" means the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 in Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement. For the purposes of this Agreement, references to articles in the GATT 1994 include the interpretative notes;

(e) "Harmonized System" or "HS" means the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System set out in the Annex to the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, and adopted and implemented by the Parties in their respective laws;

(f) "TRIPS Agreement" means the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights in Annex 1C to the WTO Agreement; and

(g) "WTO Agreement" means the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994.