Article 32
Sub-Committee on Rules of Origin, Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation

For the purposes of the effective implementation and operation of this Chapter, the Sub-Committee on Rules of Origin, Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation established under Article XXX of Annex II shall perform the functions provided for in the said Article.

Chapter 4
Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Article 33
Scope

This Chapter shall apply to all sanitary and phytosanitary (hereinafter referred to as "SPS") measures of the Parties under the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures in Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "the SPS Agreement"), that may, directly or indirectly, affect trade in goods between the Parties.

Article 34
Rights and Obligations

With regard to the rights and obligations of the Parties in respect of SPS measures, the SPS Agreement shall apply.

Article 35
Consultations on SPS Matters

1. The Parties shall hold science-based consultations to identify and address specific issues that may arise from the application of SPS measures with the objective of finding mutually acceptable solutions, at such time and venue as may be agreed by the Parties.

2. The consultations referred to in paragraph 1 shall be held between officials of the Governments of the Parties with the necessary expertise relevant to the issues to be discussed.

Article 36
Non-Application of Chapter 14

Chapter 14 shall not apply to this Chapter.

Chapter 5
Technical Regulations, Standards and Conformity Assessment Procedures

Article 37
Scope

1. This Chapter shall apply to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures as defined in the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade in Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "the TBT Agreement").

2. This Chapter shall apply to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures with respect to any product irrespective of its origin.

3. This Chapter shall not apply to purchasing specifications prepared by governmental bodies for production or consumption requirements of governmental bodies and sanitary and phytosanitary measures as defined in the SPS Agreement.

4. With regard to the rights and obligations of the Parties in respect of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures, the TBT Agreement shall apply, unless otherwise provided for in this Chapter.

Article 38
Cooperation

1. In order to ensure that technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures do not create unnecessary obstacles to trade in goods between the Parties, the Parties shall, where possible, strengthen their cooperation in the field of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures. When appropriate, this shall result in sector-specific arrangements.

2. Cooperation pursuant to paragraph 1 may include the following:

(a) exchanging information on technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures of the Parties, including information regarding the harmonisation of the regulations of the Parties with international standards;