PROTOCOL
AMENDING THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES FOR THE
STRENGTHENING OF THE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Japan and the United Mexican States (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"),

COMMITTED to strengthening their relationships;

DESIRING to improve market access conditions on certain originating goods and to facilitate bilateral trade between the Parties;

DESIRING to introduce an Approved Exporter System as an alternative for the purpose of certifying the originating status of a good;

WISHING to amend the Agreement between Japan and the United Mexican States for the Strengthening of the Economic Partnership, signed at Mexico City on September 17, 2004, including the Protocol between Japan and the United Mexican States related to Improvement of Market Access Conditions based on paragraphs 3 and 5 of Article 5 of the Agreement between Japan and the United Mexican States for the Strengthening of the Economic Partnership, signed at Mexico City on September 20, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement");

HAVING CONSULTED in accordance with subparagraphs 3(a)(i) and (ii) of Article 5 of the Agreement; and

CONSIDERING the provisions established in Article 174 of the Agreement;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1

1. The Parties shall be bound by the provisions established in Appendices 1 and 2, which shall constitute an integral part of this Protocol.

2. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of Article 5 of the Agreement, Appendices 1 and 2 shall supersede the corresponding provisions set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of Annex 1 of the Agreement respectively.

Article 2

The table of contents of the Agreement shall be amended by deleting:

"Chapter 5　Certificate of Origin and Customs Procedures
Section 1　Certification of Origin
Article 39　Certificate of Origin"

and replacing it with the following:

"Chapter 5　Certification of Origin and Customs Procedures
Section 1　Certification of Origin
Article 39　Proof of Origin
Article 39A　Certificate of Origin
Article 39B　Origin Declaration
Article 39C　Validity of Proof of Origin".

Article 3

Article 5 of the Agreement shall be amended by inserting the following new paragraph after paragraph 5:

"6. In cases where its most-favored-nation applied rate of customs duty on a particular good is lower than the rate of customs duty to be applied in accordance with paragraph 1 on the originating good which is classified under the same tariff line as that particular good, each Party shall apply the lower rate with respect to that originating good."

Article 4

Chapter 5 of the Agreement shall be replaced by the following: