(l) the term “Harmonized System” or “HS” means the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System defined in paragraph (a) of Article 1 of the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, including the General Rules for the Interpretation of the Harmonized System, Section Notes and Chapter Notes, as adopted and implemented by the Parties in their respective laws;

(m) the term “measure” means any measure by a Party, whether in the form of a law, regulation, rule, procedure, practice, decision, administrative action or any other form;

(n) the term “natural person of a Party” means a natural person who is:

(i) for Australia, an Australian citizen or permanent resident, as defined in accordance with its laws and regulations; and

(ii) for Japan, a national of Japan, as defined in accordance with its laws and regulations;

(o) the term “originating good” means a good which qualifies as an originating good under the provisions of Chapter 3 (Rules of Origin);

(p) the term “person” means either a natural person or an enterprise;

(q) the term “SPS Agreement” means the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures in Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement;

(r) the term “SPS measure” means any sanitary or phytosanitary measure referred to in paragraph 1 of Annex A to the SPS Agreement;

(s) the term “TRIPS Agreement” means the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights in Annex 1C to the WTO Agreement; and

(t) the term “WTO Agreement” means the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994.

Article 1.3
Transparency

1. Each Party shall ensure that its laws, regulations, administrative procedures, and administrative rulings of general application as well as international agreements to which the Party is a party, with respect to any matter covered by this Agreement, are promptly published or otherwise made publicly available in such a manner as to enable interested persons and the other Party to become acquainted with them.

2. Each Party shall make easily available to the public the names and addresses of the competent authorities responsible for the laws, regulations, administrative procedures and administrative rulings referred to in paragraph 1.

3. Each Party shall, on request of the other Party, within a reasonable period of time, respond to specific questions from, and provide information to, the other Party with respect to matters referred to in paragraph 1.

4. When introducing or changing its laws, regulations or administrative procedures that significantly affect the implementation of this Agreement, each Party shall endeavour to take appropriate measures to enable interested persons and the other Party to become acquainted with such introduction or change.

Article 1.4
Public Comment Procedures

To the extent practicable and subject to its laws and regulations, each Party shall provide a reasonable opportunity for comments on any measure of general application it proposes to adopt with respect to any matter covered by this Agreement.