3. Where a Party makes a notification in accordance with paragraph 9.2 or 10.1 of Article 2, or paragraph 6.2 or 7.1 of Article 5, of the TBT Agreement, it shall provide immediately a copy of the notification to the other Party electronically through the enquiry point the Party has established in accordance with Article 10 of the TBT Agreement. On request of the other Party, a Party shall provide the other Party with information regarding the objective of, and rationale for, a technical regulation, standard or conformity assessment procedure that the Party has adopted or is proposing to adopt.

Article 6.8
Sub-Committee on Technical Regulations, Standards and Conformity Assessment Procedures

1. For the purposes of the effective implementation and operation of this Chapter, the Parties hereby establish a Sub-Committee on Technical Regulations, Standards and Conformity Assessment Procedures (hereinafter referred to in this Chapter as "the Sub-Committee").

2. The functions of the Sub-Committee shall be:

(a) exchanging information on technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures;

(b) reviewing and monitoring the implementation and operation of this Chapter;

(c) undertaking consultation on issues related to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures, including, if the Parties so decide, by establishing *ad hoc* working groups;

(d) discussing any issues related to this Chapter;

(e) as appropriate, reporting the findings and the outcomes of discussions of the Sub-Committee to the Joint Committee; and

(f) carrying out other functions as may be delegated by the Joint Committee.

3. The Sub-Committee:

(a) shall be composed of and co-chaired by representatives of the Governments of the Parties; and

(b) may invite, by consensus, representatives of relevant entities other than the Governments of the Parties, with necessary expertise relevant to the issues to be discussed, to attend meetings of the Sub-Committee.

4. The Sub-Committee shall meet at such venues and times and by such means as may be agreed by the Parties.

5. Where a Party declines a request from the other Party to consult on an issue relevant to this Chapter, it shall, on request of the other Party, explain the reasons therefor.

Article 6.9
Chapter Coordinator

1. For the purposes of the effective implementation and operation of this Chapter, each Party shall designate the following governmental authority as its Chapter Coordinator:

(a) for Australia, the Department of Industry, or its successor; and

(b) for Japan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or its successor.

2. The functions of the Chapter Coordinators shall be:

(a) coordinating the work of the Sub-Committee and facilitating the implementation of this Chapter and the decisions of the Sub-Committee; and

(b) answering all reasonable enquiries from the other Party regarding technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures and, as appropriate, providing the other Party with other relevant information.

3. The Chapter Coordinators shall communicate with each other by any agreed method that is appropriate for the efficient and effective discharge of their functions.