Article 4.8
Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation

1. For the purposes of the effective implementation and operation of this Chapter, the Parties hereby establish a Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation (hereinafter referred to in this Article as "the Sub-Committee").

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

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

(b) identifying areas, related to this Chapter, to be improved for facilitating trade between the Parties;

(c) reporting the findings of the Sub-Committee to the Joint Committee; and

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

3. The composition of the Sub-Committee shall be specified in the Implementing Agreement.

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

Chapter 5
Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Article 5.1
Scope

This Chapter shall apply to all sanitary and phytosanitary (hereinafter referred to as "SPS") measures of the Parties under the SPS Agreement, that may, directly or indirectly, affect trade in goods between the Parties.

Article 5.2
Reaffirmation of Rights and Obligations

The Parties reaffirm their rights and obligations related to SPS measures under the SPS Agreement.

Article 5.3
Harmonization

The Parties shall endeavor to cooperate on the matters related to the harmonization of SPS measures, on as wide a basis as possible, as prescribed under Article 3 of the SPS Agreement. Such cooperation shall be conducted without requiring either Party to change its appropriate level of protection of human, animal or plant life or health that the Party has determined in accordance with Article 5 of the SPS Agreement.

Article 5.4
Equivalence

1. An importing Party shall accept an exporting Party's SPS measures as equivalent, if the exporting Party objectively demonstrates to the importing Party that its measures achieve the importing Party's appropriate level of SPS protection.

2. Each Party shall, upon request of the other Party, enter into consultations with the aim of achieving bilateral arrangements related to recognition of the equivalence of specified SPS measures.