ARTICLE 18.19

Dispute settlement

The provisions of this Chapter shall not be subject to dispute settlement under Chapter 21.

CHAPTER 19

COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE

ARTICLE 19.1

Objectives

The Parties recognise that promoting trade in agricultural products[1] and foods between them is in their mutual interest, and aim at promoting cooperation on sustainable agriculture, including rural development and the exchange of technical information and best practices for providing safe and high quality foods for consumers in the European Union and Japan.

[1] For the purposes of this Chapter, "agricultural products" does not include forestry or fishery products.

ARTICLE 19.2

Scope

1. The Parties shall cooperate in the areas referred to in Article 19.1 in accordance with their respective laws and regulations. The Parties shall encourage and facilitate cooperation among relevant groups, entities, competent authorities and other organisations of the Parties.

2. The scope of cooperation referred to in paragraph 1 shall cover:

(a) the promotion of trade in agricultural products and foods, including a dialogue on the relevant regulation;

(b) cooperation with a view to improving farm management, productivity and competitiveness, including the exchange of best practices regarding sustainable agriculture, as well as the use of technology and innovation;

(c) cooperation on production and technology in agriculture and foods;

(d) cooperation on agricultural product quality policy including on geographical indications[1], provided that such cooperation does not overlap with the tasks related to geographical indications of the Committee on Intellectual Property established pursuant to Article 22.3;

[1] For the purposes of this Chapter, "agricultural product quality policy" on geographical indications refers to agricultural product quality policy on geographical indications for the products covered by Article 14.22.