ARTICLE 22.4

Working groups

1. The Working Group on Wine and the Working Group on Motor Vehicles and Parts are hereby established under the auspices of the Committee on Trade in Goods. The responsibilities and functions of these working groups are defined in Article 2.35 and Article 20 of Annex 2-C.

2. The following working groups may be established in accordance with relevant Chapters:

(a) *ad hoc* working groups under the auspices of the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures;

(b) *ad hoc* technical working groups under the auspices of the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade;

(c) *ad hoc* working groups under the auspices of the Committee on Regulatory Cooperation; and

(d) an Animal Welfare Technical Working Group under the auspices of the Joint Committee.

3. Unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement or unless otherwise agreed by the representatives of the Parties to the working groups, the working groups shall:

(a) meet once a year, or on request of a Party or of the Joint Committee;

(b) be co-chaired, at an appropriate level, by representatives of the Parties;

(c) hold their meetings alternately in the European Union or Japan, or by any other appropriate means of communication as agreed between the representatives of the Parties to the working groups;

(d) agree on their meeting schedules and set their agenda by consensus; and

(e) take all decisions and make recommendations by consensus either by meeting in person or in writing.

4. The working groups may adopt their own rules of procedure. As long as they do not adopt such rules of procedure, the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee apply *mutatis mutandis*.

5. The working groups shall inform the relevant specialised committees or the Joint Committee, as appropriate, of their schedule and agenda sufficiently in advance of their meetings. They shall report on their activities at each meeting of the relevant specialised committees or the Joint Committee, as appropriate.