ARTICLE 23.2

Amendments

1. This Agreement may be amended by agreement between the Parties.

2. Such amendments shall enter into force on the first day of the second month, or on such later date as may be agreed by the Parties, following the date on which the Parties notify each other that their respective applicable legal requirements and procedures for entry into force of such amendments have been completed. The Parties shall make such notification through an exchange of diplomatic notes between the European Union and the Government of Japan.

3. In accordance with the respective domestic legal procedures of the Parties, the Joint Committee may adopt decisions to amend this Agreement in the instances referred to in paragraph 4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2, such amendments shall be confirmed by and enter into force upon the exchange of diplomatic notes between the European Union and the Government of Japan, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

4. Paragraph 3 shall apply to:

(a) Annex 2-A, provided that the amendments are made in accordance with the amendment of the Harmonized System and include no change on the rates of customs duty to be applied by a Party to the originating goods of the other Party in accordance with Annex 2-A;

(b) Annex 2-C, Appendices 2-C-1 and 2-C-2;

(c) Annex 2-E;

(d) Chapter 3, Annexes 3-A to 3-F and Appendix 3-B-1;

(e) Annex 10;

(f) Annex 14-A;

(g) Annex 14-B; and

(h) provisions of this Agreement referring to provisions of international agreements or incorporating them into this Agreement, in case of amendments or successor agreements thereto.