2. Notwithstanding Article 2.8, Japan may apply an agricultural safeguard measure to the originating agricultural goods classified under the tariff lines indicated with "SG1*", "SG1**", "SG2", "SG3", "SG4*", "SG4**", "SG5" or "SG6" in Column "Note" in the Schedule of Japan. Japan may apply such measure only under the conditions set out in this Section and only in accordance with the terms set out in this Section.

3. If the conditions set out in this Section are satisfied, Japan may, as an agricultural safeguard measure, increase the rate of customs duty on such an originating agricultural good to a level not exceeding the lesser of:

   (a) the most-favoured-nation applied rate of customs duty in effect at the time of the application of the agricultural safeguard measure;

   (b) the most-favoured-nation applied rate of customs duty in effect on the day immediately preceding the date of entry into force of this Agreement; and

   (c) the rate of customs duty set out in this Section.

4. Japan shall implement any agricultural safeguard measure in a transparent manner. Japan shall, within 60 days of the date of imposing the agricultural safeguard measure, notify the European Union thereof in writing and provide the European Union with relevant data concerning the measure. Japan shall, on written request of the European Union, respond to specific questions from, and provide information to, the European Union, including by e-mail, teleconference, video-conference and in person, regarding the application of the measure.

5. For greater certainty, no agricultural safeguard measure may be applied or maintained on or after the date on which the rate of customs duty referred to in subparagraph 3(c) of this Sub-Section is zero.

6. For the purposes of this Section:

   (a) "fiscal year" means a Japanese fiscal year beginning on 1 April and ending on the following 31 March; and

   (b) "quarter" means a period:

      (i) from 1 April until 30 June;

      (ii) from 1 July until 30 September;