(viii) from the 16th year:

(A) one percentage point less than the rate of customs duty of the previous year, if Japan did not apply an agricultural safeguard measure under this Sub-Section in the previous year; or

(B) the same as the rate of customs duty of the previous year, if Japan applied an agricultural safeguard measure under this Sub-Section in the previous year.

(c) If the condition set out in paragraph 1 is satisfied in one year and, as a result thereof, an agricultural safeguard measure is in effect during the following year pursuant to subparagraph 3(b) or (c), the rate of customs duty referred to in subparagraph 3(c) of Sub-Section 1 for the purpose of that agricultural safeguard measure shall, for the duration of that measure, be set at the level applicable for the year in which the condition set out in paragraph 1 was satisfied.

3. An agricultural safeguard measure referred to in paragraph 1 may be maintained:

(a) if the aggregate volume of imports from the European Union of SG1* goods or SG1** goods in any fiscal year exceeds the trigger level set out in paragraph 1 prior to 31 January, until the end of that fiscal year;

(b) if the aggregate volume of imports from the European Union of SG1* goods or SG1** goods in any fiscal year exceeds the trigger level set out in paragraph 1 during the month of February, for a period of 45 days beginning on the date of the application of the agricultural safeguard measure; and

(c) if the aggregate volume of imports from the European Union of SG1* goods or SG1** goods in any fiscal year exceeds the trigger level set out in paragraph 1 during the month of March, for a period of 30 days beginning on the date of the application of the agricultural safeguard measure.

4. (a) For the purposes of this Sub-Section, the period during which an agricultural safeguard measure may be maintained shall commence no later than the day following the fifth business day after the end of the publication period referred to in subparagraph (c) in which the condition set out in paragraph 1 is satisfied.