ARTICLE 1.8

Laws and regulations and their amendments

1. Where reference is made in this Agreement to laws and regulations of a Party, those laws and regulations shall be understood to include amendments thereto, unless otherwise specified.

2. Unless otherwise specified, where reference is made in this Agreement to laws and regulations of the European Union, it shall be understood as a reference to those laws and regulations of the European Union as incorporated or implemented in the laws and regulations of the United Kingdom in accordance with the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and includes subsequent amendments by the United Kingdom, if they exist, to those laws and regulations before the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

3. As regards the provisions of this Agreement which, in accordance with paragraphs 3 to 5 of Article 1.3, apply to a territory for whose international relations the Government of the United Kingdom is responsible:

(a) unless otherwise specified, where reference is made to laws and regulations of the European Union, it shall, in respect of that territory, be understood as a reference to those laws and regulations of the European Union as incorporated or implemented in the laws and regulations of that territory on the day following the date on which the EU-Japan EPA ceases to apply to the United Kingdom and includes any subsequent amendments, if they exist, to those laws and regulations before the date on which the provisions of this Agreement containing the reference begins to apply to that territory; and

(b) where reference is made to laws and regulations of the United Kingdom, it shall, in respect of that territory, be understood as a reference to the corresponding laws and regulations of that territory.

ARTICLE 1.9

Relation to other agreements

1. The existing agreements between the Parties are not superseded or terminated by this Agreement.

2. Nothing in this Agreement shall require either Party to act in a manner inconsistent with its obligations under the WTO Agreement.

3. In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and any agreement other than the WTO Agreement to which both Parties are party, the Parties shall immediately consult with each other with a view to finding a mutually satisfactory solution.

4. Where international agreements[1] are referred to in or incorporated into this Agreement, in whole or in part, they shall be understood to include amendments thereto or their successor agreements entering into force for both Parties on or after the date of signature of this Agreement. If any matter arises regarding the implementation or application of the provisions of this Agreement as a result of such amendments or successor agreements, the Parties may, on request of either Party, consult with each other with a view to finding a mutually satisfactory solution to this matter as necessary.

5. (a) In the event of an inconsistency between this Agreement and the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland to the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, signed in London and Brussels on 24 January 2020, this Agreement shall not prevent a Party from taking a particular measure not consistent with the obligations under this Agreement and relating to the inconsistency between this Agreement and that Protocol, provided that such a measure is not applied in a manner that would constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustified discrimination against the other Party or a disguised restriction on trade.

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[1] The international agreements referred to in or incorporated into this Agreement shall be understood to include their most recent amendments having entered into force for both Parties before the date of signature of this Agreement.