5. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as obliging the Parties to achieve any particular regulatory outcome.

ARTICLE 18.2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Section:

(a) "regulatory authority" means:

(i) the Government of the United Kingdom for the United Kingdom; and

(ii) the Government of Japan for Japan; and

(b) "regulatory measures" means measures of general application, which are:

(i) for the United Kingdom:

(A) primary legislation; and

(B) secondary legislation; and

(ii) for Japan:

(A) laws;

(B) Cabinet Orders; and

(C) Ministerial Ordinances.

ARTICLE 18.3

Scope

1. This Section applies to regulatory measures issued by the regulatory authority of a Party in respect of any matter covered by this Agreement.

2. Sub-Sections 3 and 4 apply to other measures of general application issued by the regulatory authority of a Party which are relevant for regulatory cooperation activities, such as guidelines, policy documents or recommendations, in addition to the regulatory measures referred to in paragraph 1.

SUB-SECTION 2

Good regulatory practices

ARTICLE 18.4

Internal coordination

Each Party shall maintain internal coordination processes or mechanisms to foster good regulatory practices, including those provided for in this Section.

ARTICLE 18.5

Regulatory processes and mechanisms

Each Party shall make publicly available descriptions of the processes and mechanisms under which its regulatory authority prepares, evaluates and reviews its regulatory measures. Those descriptions shall refer to relevant guidelines, rules or procedures, including those regarding opportunities for the public to provide comments.