(f) "confirmation" means the confirmation of the compliance of manufacturing facilities or test facilities (hereinafter referred to as "facilities") with the criteria for confirmation by a Competent Authority of a Party pursuant to the applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions of that Party;

(g) "Competent Authority" means an authority of a Party with the power to conduct inspection or study audits on facilities in its territory to confirm their compliance with the criteria for confirmation set out in the applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions of that Party;

(h) "criteria for confirmation" means the criteria which a facility of a Party is required to continuously fulfil in order to be confirmed by the Competent Authority of the Party, as set out in the applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions of that Party specified in the relevant Sectoral Annex;

(i) "verification" means an action to verify in the territory of a Party, by such means as audits or inspections, compliance with the criteria for designation or the criteria for confirmation by a conformity assessment body or a facility respectively; and

(j) "EC-Japan MRA" means the Agreement on Mutual Recognition between the European Community and Japan, done at Brussels on 4 April 2001 and all amendments thereto which entered into force when that agreement was in force for the United Kingdom.

2. Any term used in this Protocol, unless otherwise defined herein, has the meaning assigned to it in ISO/IEC 17000:2020, "Conformity assessment – Vocabulary and general principles" and the ISO/IEC Guide 2:2004, "Standardization and related activities – General vocabulary".

ARTICLE 2

1. Each Party shall accept, in accordance with the provisions of this Protocol, the results of conformity assessment procedures required by the applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions of that Party specified in the relevant Sectoral Annex, including certificates and marks of conformity, that are conducted by the registered conformity assessment bodies of the other Party.

2. Each Party shall accept, in accordance with the provisions of this Protocol:

(a) the confirmation of facilities conducted by the Competent Authorities of the other Party based upon the results of verification and in accordance with the criteria for confirmation stipulated in the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of that other Party as specified in the relevant Sectoral Annex; and

(b) the data generated by confirmed facilities of the other Party.

ARTICLE 3

1. This Protocol applies to designation of conformity assessment bodies and conformity assessment procedures for products or processes, and to confirmation of facilities and data generated by them, covered by its Sectoral Annexes. Sectoral Annexes may consist of Parts A and B.

2. Part A of Sectoral Annexes shall include, *inter alia*, provisions on scope and coverage.

3. Part B of Sectoral Annexes shall set out the following matters:

(a) the applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions of each Party concerning the scope and coverage;