2. (a)The Competent Authority of a Party may visit manufacturing facilities of the other Party on the condition that such other Party and the manufacturing facilities concerned consent to such visit and, if such other Party so requests, officials of the Competent Authority of such other Party join the visit, for the purpose of deciding whether to continue to accept the confirmation of the manufacturing facilities concerned and the data generated by them pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 2 of this Protocol, where an emergency as defined in subparagraph (b) takes place. Such visit shall be carried out in a manner not inconsistent with the laws and regulations of that other Party and in accordance with the modalities to be decided pursuant to subparagraph (b). The Party shall use the information obtained by its Competent Authority in connection with such visit only for the purpose specified in this subparagraph.

(b) The definition of the emergency and the modalities of such visit referred to in subparagraph (a) will be decided by the Joint Committee on Mutual Recognition as part of the preparatory work to be done in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Sectoral Annex.

ARTICLE 11

1. Without prejudice to paragraph 2 of Article 2 of this Protocol, nothing in this Protocol shall entail mutual acceptance of the standards or technical regulations of the Parties.

2. Nothing in this Protocol shall be construed to entail an obligation upon a Party to accept the result of the conformity assessment procedures of any third country.

3. Nothing in this Protocol shall be construed so as to affect the rights and obligations that either Party has as a Member to the WTO Agreement, including the TBT Agreement and the TRIPS Agreement.

ARTICLE 12

A Party shall not disclose any information obtained under this Protocol as confidential, unless otherwise required under its laws or regulations.

ARTICLE 13

1. This Protocol shall not be subject to the following provisions of this Agreement:

(a) Article 1.5 and Article 1.6 ;

(b) Chapter 17;

(c) Article 20.3;

(d) Chapter 22;

(e) Chapter 23;

(f) Article 24.2; and

(g) paragraph 1 of Article 18 of Annex 2-C.

2. In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Protocol and the other provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Protocol shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.