ARTICLE 20

Entry into force, provisional application, termination and amendment

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the Parties have exchanged diplomatic notes confirming the completion of their respective internal procedures necessary for entry into force of this Agreement.

2. Pending its entry into force, this Agreement shall be applied provisionally from its signature, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Parties.

3. A Party may terminate this Agreement at any time upon six months written notification to the other Party, unless the said notification has been withdrawn by mutual consent of the Parties before the expiry of this period.

4. Following the notification of termination of this Agreement, the Parties shall continue to perform their obligations under this Agreement, until the effective date of termination.

5. Termination of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of any certificates issued by the competent authorities or the approved organisations under the terms of this Agreement.

6. The Parties may by written agreement amend this Agreement. Such amendment shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date on which the Parties have exchanged diplomatic notes confirming the completion of their respective internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of the amendment.

7. Notwithstanding paragraph 6, adoptions of new Annexes, or amendments or deletions of existing Annexes shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the European Union of the written notification from the Government of Japan of the completion of its necessary internal procedures.

ARTICLE 21

Authentic texts

1. This Agreement is drawn up in duplicate in the Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish and Japanese languages, all texts being equally authentic.