RCEP Joint Committee by consensus. The amendment shall enter into force in accordance with Article 20.4 (Amendments).[8]

[8] For Japan, for the purposes of this Article, “the completion of their respective applicable legal procedures” referred to in Article 20.4 (Amendments) shall be read as “the completion of internal procedures within the Government of Japan”.

ANNEX 3A

PRODUCT-SPECIFIC RULES

Headnotes to the Annex

1. Pursuant to Article 3.2 (Originating Goods), this Annex sets out the conditions required for a good to be treated as an originating good.

2. For greater certainty, the origin criteria of “wholly obtained or produced in a Party” and “produced in a Party exclusively from originating materials from one or more of the Parties”, as provided in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of Article 3.2 (Originating Goods), apply to all tariff lines.

3. For the purposes of interpreting the Product-Specific Rules set out in this Annex:

   (a) **Section** means a section of the Harmonized System;

   (b) **Chapter** means the first two digits of the tariff classification number under the Harmonized System;

   (c) **heading** means the first four digits of the tariff classification number under the Harmonized System; and

   (d) **subheading** means the first six digits of the tariff classification number under the Harmonized System.

4. Where a good is subject to alternative Product-Specific Rules, the rule will be considered to be met if the good satisfies one of the alternative Product-Specific Rules.

5. A requirement of a change in tariff classification (hereinafter referred to as “CTC” in this Annex) applies only to non-originating materials.

6. Where the CTC rule expressly excludes a change from other tariff classifications, the exclusion applies only to non-originating materials.

7. For the purposes of this Annex: