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Appendix B-2
(Forest Good Safeguard Measure)
to
Schedule of Japan

1. Notwithstanding Article 2.4 (Elimination of Customs Duties), pursuant to paragraph 5 of Notes for Schedule of Japan annexed to Chapter 2, Japan may apply a safeguard measure on specific forest goods qualified as originating (originating forest goods) classified under the tariff lines indicated with “SG11”, “SG12”, “SG13”, “SG14”, “SG15”, “SG16” or “SG17” in Column “Remarks” of Schedule of Japan to Annex 2-.D (Tariff Elimination Schedule) (forest good safeguard measure), only when the conditions set out in this Appendix are met.

2. If the conditions in any one of paragraphs 6 to 12 are met, Japan may, as a forest good safeguard measure, increase the rate of customs duty on an originating forest good from another Party to a level not to exceed the lesser of:
(i) the most-favoured-nation applied rate of customs duty in effect at the time the forest good safeguard measure is applied; and
(ii) the most-favoured-nation applied rate of customs duty in effect on the day immediately preceding the date of entry into force of this Agreement with respect to Japan and the Party for which the forest good safeguard measure applies.

3. For the purpose of this Appendix, an originating good is from the Party if the originating good is wholly obtained in that Party or if the last change of tariff heading took place in that Party.

4. Any forest good safeguard measure applied under this Section shall be maintained only until the end of the year in which it was applied.

5. For the purposes of this Appendix, “year” means, with respect to year 1, the period from the date of entry into force of this Agreement for Japan through the following March 31 and with respect to year 2 and each subsequent year shall be the 12 month period from April 1 of respective year until the following March 31.

6. With respect to the originating forest goods classified under the tariff lines indicated with “SG11” in Column “Remarks” of Schedule of Japan
(Spruce-Pine-Fir), Japan may apply a forest good safeguard measure on the originating forest goods from Canada, only when the aggregate volume of imports of those originating goods from Canada in any year exceeds the trigger level set out as follows:

(a) 1,573,000 cubic meters for year 1, except as provided in paragraph 16;
(b) 1,604,500 cubic meters for year 2;
(c) 1,636,000 cubic meters for year 3;
(d) 1,667,500 cubic meters for year 4;
(e) 1,699,000 cubic meters for year 5;
(f) 1,730,500 cubic meters for year 6;
(g) 1,762,000 cubic meters for year 7;
(h) 1,793,500 cubic meters for year 8;
(i) 1,825,000 cubic meters for year 9;
(j) 1,856,500 cubic meters for year 10;
(k) 1,888,000 cubic meters for year 11;
(l) 1,919,500 cubic meters for year 12;
(m) 1,951,000 cubic meters for year 13;
(n) 1,982,500 cubic meters for year 14;
(o) 2,014,000 cubic meters for year 15; and
(p) for each year beginning in year 16 and continuing thereafter, the trigger level shall be 31,500 cubic meters greater than the trigger level in the previous year.

7. With respect to the originating forest goods classified under the tariff lines indicated with “SG12” in Column “Remarks” of Schedule of Japan (Particle Board), Japan may apply a forest good safeguard measure on the originating forest goods from New Zealand, only when the aggregate volume of imports of those originating goods from New Zealand in any year exceeds the trigger level set out as follows:

(a) 65,000 cubic meters for year 1, except as provided in paragraph 16;
(b) 66,100 cubic meters for year 2;
(c) 67,200 cubic meters for year 3;
(d) 68,300 cubic meters for year 4;
(e) 69,400 cubic meters for year 5;
(f) 70,500 cubic meters for year 6;
(g) 71,600 cubic meters for year 7;
(h) 72,700 cubic meters for year 8;
(i) 73,800 cubic meters for year 9; and
(j) 74,900 cubic meters for year 10.

8. With respect to the originating forest goods classified under the tariff lines indicated with “SG13” in Column “Remarks” of Schedule of Japan (Particle Board and Oriented Strand Board), Japan may apply a forest good safeguard measure on the originating forest goods from Canada, only when the aggregate volume of imports of those originating goods from Canada in any year exceeds the trigger level set out as follows:

(a) 224,000 cubic meters for year 1, except as provided in paragraph 16;
(b) 228,500 cubic meters for year 2;
(c) 233,000 cubic meters for year 3;
(d) 237,500 cubic meters for year 4;
(e) 242,000 cubic meters for year 5;
(f) 246,500 cubic meters for year 6;
(g) 251,000 cubic meters for year 7;
(h) 255,500 cubic meters for year 8;
(i) 260,000 cubic meters for year 9;
(j) 264,500 cubic meters for year 10;
(k) 269,000 cubic meters for year 11;
(l) 273,500 cubic meters for year 12;
(m) 278,000 cubic meters for year 13;
(n) 282,500 cubic meters for year 14;
(o) 287,000 cubic meters for year 15; and
(p) for each year beginning in year 16 and continuing thereafter, the trigger level shall be 4,500 cubic meters greater than the trigger level in the previous year.

9. With respect to the originating forest goods classified under the tariff lines indicated with “SG14” in Column “Remarks” of Schedule of Japan (tropical plywood), Japan may apply a forest good safeguard measure on the originating forest goods from Malaysia, only when the aggregate volume of imports of those originating goods from Malaysia in any year exceeds the trigger level set out as follows:
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(a) 1,044,000 cubic meters for year 1, except as provided in paragraph 16;
(b) 1,064,900 cubic meters for year 2;
(c) 1,085,800 cubic meters for year 3;
(d) 1,106,700 cubic meters for year 4;
(e) 1,127,600 cubic meters for year 5;
(f) 1,148,500 cubic meters for year 6;
(g) 1,169,400 cubic meters for year 7;
(h) 1,190,300 cubic meters for year 8;
(i) 1,211,200 cubic meters for year 9;
(j) 1,232,100 cubic meters for year 10;
(k) 1,253,000 cubic meters for year 11;
(l) 1,273,900 cubic meters for year 12;
(m) 1,294,800 cubic meters for year 13;
(n) 1,315,700 cubic meters for year 14;
(o) 1,336,600 cubic meters for year 15; and
(p) for each year beginning in year 16 and continuing thereafter, the trigger level shall be 31,300 cubic meters greater than the trigger level in the previous year.

10. With respect to the originating forest goods classified under the tariff lines indicated with “SG15” in Column “Remarks” of Schedule of Japan (non-coniferous plywood), Japan may apply a forest good safeguard measure on the originating forest goods from Malaysia, only when the aggregate volume of imports of those originating goods from Malaysia in any year exceeds the trigger level set out as follows:

(a) 616,000 cubic meters for year 1, except as provided in paragraph 16;
(b) 628,300 cubic meters for year 2;
(c) 640,600 cubic meters for year 3;
(d) 652,900 cubic meters for year 4;
(e) 665,200 cubic meters for year 5;
(f) 677,500 cubic meters for year 6;
(g) 689,800 cubic meters for year 7;
(h) 702,100 cubic meters for year 8;
(i) 714,400 cubic meters for year 9;
(j) 726,700 cubic meters for year 10;
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(k) 739,000 cubic meters for year 11;
(l) 751,300 cubic meters for year 12;
(m) 763,600 cubic meters for year 13;
(n) 775,900 cubic meters for year 14;
(o) 788,200 cubic meters for year 15; and
(p) for each year beginning in year 16 and continuing thereafter, the trigger level shall be 18,500 cubic meters greater than the trigger level in the previous year.

11. With respect to the originating forest goods classified under the tariff lines indicated with “SG16” in Column “Remarks” of Schedule of Japan (non-coniferous plywood and other plywood), Japan may apply a forest good safeguard measure on the originating forest goods from Viet Nam, only when the aggregate volume of imports of those originating goods from Viet Nam in any year exceeds the trigger level set out as follows:

(a) 180,000 cubic meters for year 1, except as provided in paragraph 16;
(b) 193,000 cubic meters for year 2;
(c) 206,000 cubic meters for year 3;
(d) 219,000 cubic meters for year 4;
(e) 232,000 cubic meters for year 5;
(f) 245,000 cubic meters for year 6;
(g) 258,000 cubic meters for year 7;
(h) 271,000 cubic meters for year 8;
(i) 284,000 cubic meters for year 9;
(j) 297,000 cubic meters for year 10;
(k) 310,000 cubic meters for year 11;
(l) 323,000 cubic meters for year 12;
(m) 336,000 cubic meters for year 13;
(n) 349,000 cubic meters for year 14; and
(o) 362,000 cubic meters for year 15.

12. With respect to the originating forest goods classified under the tariff lines indicated with “SG17” in Column “Remarks” of Schedule of Japan (coniferous plywood), Japan may apply a forest good safeguard measure on the originating forest goods from Canada, New Zealand or Chile, only when the aggregate volume of imports of those originating goods from Canada, New Zealand or Chile
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respectively in any year exceeds the trigger level as set out for each of those Party as follows:

(a) For Canada:
(i) 7,000 cubic meters for year 1, except as provided in paragraph 16;
(ii) 7,100 cubic meters for year 2;
(iii) 7,200 cubic meters for year 3;
(iv) 7,300 cubic meters for year 4;
(v) 7,400 cubic meters for year 5;
(vi) 7,500 cubic meters for year 6;
(vii) 7,600 cubic meters for year 7;
(viii) 7,700 cubic meters for year 8;
(ix) 7,800 cubic meters for year 9;
(x) 7,900 cubic meters for year 10;
(xi) 8,000 cubic meters for year 11;
(xii) 8,100 cubic meters for year 12;
(xiii) 8,200 cubic meters for year 13;
(xiv) 8,300 cubic meters for year 14;
(xv) 8,400 cubic meters for year 15; and
(xvi) for each year beginning in year 16 and continuing thereafter, the trigger level shall be 100 cubic meters greater than the trigger level in the previous year.

(b) For New Zealand:
(i) 60,000 cubic meters for year 1, except as provided in paragraph 16;
(ii) 61,200 cubic meters for year 2;
(iii) 62,400 cubic meters for year 3;
(iv) 63,600 cubic meters for year 4;
(v) 64,800 cubic meters for year 5;
(vi) 66,000 cubic meters for year 6;
(vii) 67,200 cubic meters for year 7;
(viii) 68,400 cubic meters for year 8;
(ix) 69,600 cubic meters for year 9;
(x) 70,800 cubic meters for year 10;
(xi) 72,000 cubic meters for year 11;
(xii) 73,200 cubic meters for year 12;
(xiii) 74,400 cubic meters for year 13;
(xiv) 75,600 cubic meters for year 14; and
(xv) 76,800 cubic meters for year 15.

(c) For Chile:
(i) 13,000 cubic meters for year 1, except as provided in paragraph 16;
(ii) 14,000 cubic meters for year 2;
(iii) 15,000 cubic meters for year 3;
(iv) 16,000 cubic meters for year 4;
(v) 17,000 cubic meters for year 5;
(vi) 18,000 cubic meters for year 6;
(vii) 19,000 cubic meters for year 7;
(viii) 20,000 cubic meters for year 8;
(ix) 21,000 cubic meters for year 9;
(x) 22,000 cubic meters for year 10;
(xi) 23,000 cubic meters for year 11;
(xii) 24,000 cubic meters for year 12;
(xiii) 25,000 cubic meters for year 13;
(xiv) 26,000 cubic meters for year 14; and
(xv) 27,000 cubic meters for year 15.

13. Japan shall not apply or maintain any forest good safeguard measure set out in paragraphs 7 and 11 after the elimination of the customs duties on the corresponding originating forest goods classified under the tariff lines indicated with “SG12” and “SG16” in Column “Remarks” of Schedule of Japan.

14. Japan shall not apply or maintain any forest good safeguard measure on the originating forest goods from New Zealand and Chile set out in paragraph 12 after the elimination of the customs duties on the corresponding originating forest goods classified under the tariff lines indicated with “SG17” in Column “Remarks” of Schedule of Japan.

15. Japan and Malaysia shall examine the necessity of the forest good safeguard measures set out in paragraphs 9 and 10 in a committee established by those two Parties two years before the elimination of the customs duties on the originating forest goods classified under the tariff lines indicated with “SG14” and “SG15” in Column “Remarks” of Schedule of Japan.
16. If year 1 is less than 12 months, the applicable trigger level for year 1 for the purposes of paragraphs 6 to 12 shall be determined by multiplying the whole volume for year 1 set out in paragraphs 6 to 12 respectively by fraction the numerator of which shall be the number of months between the date of entry into force of this Agreement for Japan and the following March 31 and the denominator of which shall be twelve. For the purpose of determining the numerator specified in the previous sentence and for the purpose of determining the applicable trigger level in accordance with the previous sentence, any fraction of less than 1.0 shall be rounded to the nearest whole number (in the case of 0.5, the fraction shall be rounded to 1.0).