

- (vi) issues on adequate and effective enforcement including procedures for border measures; and
 - (vii) utilisation and commercialisation of intellectual property rights for small and medium enterprises;
- (c) discussing the following issues:
 - (i) protection of partial designs;
 - (ii) opportunities to make observations in case of intended refusal of applications for registrations of trademarks; and
 - (iii) traditional knowledge, genetic resources and folklore;
- (d) exchanging views on issues relating to protection of geographical indications including any strengthening of such protection as referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 134;
- (e) reporting and making appropriate recommendations, as needed, to the Joint Committee; and
- (f) carrying out other functions as may be delegated by the Joint Committee pursuant to Article 13.

3. The Sub-Committee shall be composed of representatives of the Governments of the Parties, and may invite representatives of relevant entities other than the Governments of the Parties, including those from private sectors, with necessary expertise relevant to the issues to be discussed.

4. The Sub-Committee shall meet at such venues and times as may be agreed upon.

Article 144 Security Exceptions

For the purposes of this Chapter, Article 73 of the TRIPS Agreement is incorporated into and made part of this Agreement, *mutatis mutandis*.

Chapter 11 Government Procurement

Article 145 Exchange of Information on Government Procurement

1. The Parties shall, subject to their respective laws and regulations, exchange information, to the extent possible in the English language and in a timely manner, on their respective laws and regulations, policies and practices on government procurement, as well as on any reforms to their existing government procurement regimes.
2. Each Party designates a contact point for the exchange of information and for providing information to suppliers of the other Party interested in procurement opportunities in particular sectors as follows:
 - (a) for Japan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and
 - (b) for Thailand, the Ministry of Finance.

Article 146 Sub-Committee on Government Procurement

1. For the purposes of the effective implementation and operation of this Chapter, a Sub-Committee on Government Procurement (hereinafter referred to in this Article as "Sub-Committee") shall be established pursuant to Article 13.
2. The functions of the Sub-Committee shall be:
 - (a) discussing issues and ways to enhance cooperation for mutual benefit of the Parties in the field of government procurement;
 - (b) reporting the findings of the Sub-Committee to the Joint Committee; and
 - (c) carrying out other functions, based on the principle of mutual benefit, which may be delegated by the Joint Committee pursuant to Article 13.
3. The composition of the Sub-Committee shall be specified in the Implementing Agreement.
4. The Sub-Committee shall meet at such venues and times as may be agreed upon.