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AGREEMENT BETWEEN JAPAN AND SINGAPORE FOR A NEW-AGE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Terms of Reference of the Examination

Terms of Reference adopted on 23 January 2003

"To examine, in light of the relevant provisions of the GATT 1994, the Agreement between Japan and Singapore for a New-Age Economic Partnership and to submit a report to the Council for Trade in Goods".

Understanding read out by the Chairman of the Council for Trade in Goods at its meeting of 23 January 2003

It is understood that the understanding read out by the Chairman of the Council for Trade in Goods under item VII of the Agenda of the meeting of the Council for Trade in Goods of 20 February 1995 as contained in document WT/REG3/1, will apply *mutatis mutandis* to the examination of the Agreement. It is also understood that, during the examination, due account will be taken of the intrinsic differences between customs unions and free-trade areas.
