

ACKNOWLEDGING that a Joint Customs Cooperation Committee (the “JCCC”) was established under Article 20 of the CMAA to see to the proper functioning of the CMAA and, inter alia, take the measures necessary for customs cooperation in accordance with the objectives of the CMAA and for the expansion of the CMAA with a view to increasing the level of customs cooperation and supplementing it on specific sectors or matters;

HAVE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

ARTICLE 1

For the purpose of this Agreement, “Customs Authority” means:

- in the European Union: the competent services of the European Commission and the customs authorities of the Member States of the European Union;
- in Canada: the governmental administration designated by Canada as responsible for administering its customs laws.

ARTICLE 2

The Contracting Parties shall cooperate on matters of supply-chain security and related risk management.

ARTICLE 3

The Contracting Parties shall manage this cooperation through their respective Customs Authorities.

ARTICLE 4

The Contracting Parties shall cooperate by:

- (a) reinforcing the customs-related aspects of securing the logistics chain of international trade while at the same time facilitating legitimate trade;
- (b) establishing minimum standards, to the extent practicable, for risk management techniques and related requirements and programmes;