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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Consumer Affairs Agency
3.	<b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Processed foods, fresh foods and food additives
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Proposal for the Food Labelling Standard based on the Food Labelling Act <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 3 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/JPN/14_3883_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/JPN/14_3883_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Food Labelling Standard will be newly established by improving the existing labelling standards. The new standard shall make nutrition declaration mandatory such labels to contribute to the improvement of consumer's health, considering international trends in nutrition labelling system.  Note: This document is also notified via TBT notification.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</b> CODEX STAN 1-1985, CODEX STAN 146-1985 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

<b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The basic law is the Food Labelling Act (available in Japanese). When adopted, the proposed standard is to be published in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) (available in Japanese).
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for comment period. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for comment period.
<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): This proposed standard will basically take effect after a certain period of grace. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
<b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 October 2014 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:  Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp
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