

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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> Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
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> Meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS Codes: 02.01, 02.02)
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> Revision of the specifications and standards for foods and food additives under the Food Sanitation Law (Establishment of specifications and standards for meat intended to be eaten raw) <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 2 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2011/sps/JPN//11_2433_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2011/sps/JPN//11_2433_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Proposed specifications and standards for meat (confined to beef) intended to be eaten raw.
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 type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Food Sanitation Law (Available in English). When adopted, these specifications and standards are to be published in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) (available in Japanese)
<b>10.</b>	<b>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.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): October 2011 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 August 2011 <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:
<b>13.</b>	<b>Texts available from:</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: