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Note by the Secretariat¹

Corrigendum

Paragraph 31, last sentence should read:

31. The representative of Japan indicated that the BSE issue was a challenge equally shared by exporters and importers. Despite these difficulties, Japan had addressed the US beef issue as one of the most important policy agenda items for the Japanese government. He recalled that in October 2004, Japan and the United States had agreed on a framework to resume the two-way trade in beef, subject to their respective domestic approval processes including deliberation by their food safety commissions. The Japanese Food Safety Commission (FSC), an independent risk assessment entity, was now conducting this risk assessment on domestic BSE measures and after its completion, based on the conclusions of the assessment, risk management entities would ask FSC for a risk assessment regarding import conditions for US beef.

* In English only.

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