

**JAPAN - MEASURES AFFECTING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 10 January 2000, from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated at the request of Japan.

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Upon instructions from my government, I wish to notify the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) that Japan abolished on 31 December 1999 the varietal testing requirement as well as its "Experimental Guide"<sup>1</sup> that were in force until that date, in accordance with the rulings and recommendations adopted by the DSB on 19 March 1999 regarding the dispute "Japan - Measures Affecting Agricultural Products" (DS76).

I also wish to inform the DSB that Japan will determine a new quarantine methodology on the eight products that are currently subject to import prohibition as these products are hosts of codling moth, based on the consultation with an exporting country, since it is still necessary to prevent the introduction of codling moth.

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<sup>1</sup> Reference made in para. 143.(e), Report of the Appellate Body.