

**JAPAN – MEASURES AFFECTING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

Status Report by Japan

The following communication, dated 14 January 2000, from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

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Status Report on the Implementation of the Recommendations and Rulings  
in the Dispute regarding  
Japan – Measures Affecting Agricultural Products

Pursuant to paragraph 6 of Article 21 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, Japan wishes to submit its status report on the implementation of the rulings and recommendations of the DSB concerning the dispute "Japan - Measures Affecting Agricultural Products".

1. 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).

2. Since it is still necessary to prevent the introduction of codling moth, Japan has been conducting consultations with the United States regarding a new quarantine methodology on the eight products that are currently subject to import prohibition as these products are hosts of codling moth. Japan expects that those consultations will come to a mutually satisfactory solution in the near future.

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