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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
3.	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): Genetically modified Alfalfa and processed foods containing genetically modified Alfalfa as a main ingredient
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment of the Enforcement Regulations under the Food Sanitation Law (Ministerial Ordinance No.23, 1948)
6.	Description of content: This amendment is to add Alfalfa and processed foods containing Alfalfa as main ingredient, as foods in which recombinant DNA or resulting protein remains, to the list of items subject to mandatory labelling (i.e. 5 organisms such as soybean, corn and 30 items such as <i>Tofu</i> , cone snack have been already designated) in accordance with the labelling standard for genetically modified foods notified by G/SPS/N/JPN/56 and G/SPS/N/JPN/80. Import notification will become mandatory requirement for Alfalfa and processed foods containing Alfalfa as a main ingredient.
7.	Objective and rationale: <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.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The basic law is the Food Sanitation Law (available in Japanese). The said amendments will appear in "KAMPO"(Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
10.	Proposed date of adoption: September 2005.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: September 2005.

12. Final date for comments: 12 August 2005

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☒ National notification authority, ☐ National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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