

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Consumer Affairs Agency
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): Papaya and processed foods containing papaya as a main ingredient
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Overview of Revisions to the Enforcement Regulations under the Food Sanitation Law Language(s): English Number of pages: 1 http://members.wto.org/cnattachments/2011/sps/JPN/11_1181_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: This revision is to add papaya and processed foods containing papaya for as a main ingredient, as foods in which recombinant DNA or resulting protein remains, to the list of items subject to mandatory labelling (i.e. seven organisms such as soybean, corn and 32 items such as Tofu, corn snack have been already designated) in accordance with the labelling standard for genetically modified foods notified in G/SPS/N/JPN/56, G/SPS/N/JPN/80, G/SPS/N/JPN/143 and G/SPS/N/JPN/162. Food labelling and import notification stating that papaya or processed foods containing papaya as a main ingredient are genetically modified will be mandatory.
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.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The basic law is the Food Sanitation Law (available in Japanese). The said revisions will appear in "KANPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined (Upon publication on "KANPO" (Official Government Gazette))</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined (Upon publication on "KANPO" (Official Government Gazette))</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be announced in the Official Government Gazette</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 13 June 2011</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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:</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <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:</p>