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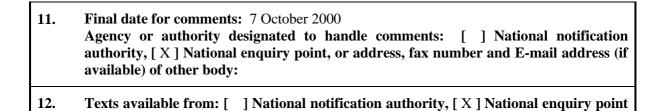
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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. **Member to Agreement notifying:** JAPAN If applicable, name of local government involved: **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Health and Welfare 2. 3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: (1) Foods containing organisms derived from biotechnology, and processed foods containing the mentioned foods; Packaged processed foods containing specific original materials that can cause (2) allergy. 4. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Change of certain parts of Standardized Regulations on Foods, Food Additives, and other Related Products (Ministry of Health and Welfare Bulletin No. 23-Jul.1948) (Available in English, 3 pages) 5. **Description of content:** Mandatory labelling and import notification is proposed for foods containing (1) organisms derived from biotechnology, and processed foods containing the aforementioned foods: Mandatory labelling is proposed for packaged processed foods containing specific (2) raw materials that can cause allergy. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, 6. [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests 7. An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: 8. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The basic law is the Food Sanitation Law (Available in Japan). The said amendments will appear in "KAMPO" (the Official Gazette) when adopted. 9. **Proposed date of adoption:** October 2000 10. **Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 April 2001



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