

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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 and Welfare
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; (2) Packaged processed foods containing specific original materials that can cause 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: (1) Mandatory labelling and import notification is proposed for foods containing organisms derived from biotechnology, and processed foods containing the aforementioned foods; (2) Mandatory labelling is proposed for packaged processed foods containing specific raw materials that can cause allergy.
6.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] 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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| 11. | Final date for comments: 7 October 2000
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