

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

G/SPS/N/JPN/80

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
3.	<b>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:</b> Processed foods made from genetically modified potatoes
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Change of certain parts of Standardized Regulation on Foods, Food Additives, and Other Related Products (Ministry of Health and Welfare Bulletin No.23-Jul.1948)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> This amendment adds processed foods made from potatoes as foods which recombinant DNA or resulting protein remains to this items which are subject to mandatory labelling (i.e. 24 items such as <i>Tofu</i> , cone snack have been already designated) under the labelling standard for genetically modified foods notified by G/SPS/N/JPN/56. Import notification becomes mandatory for these processed foods.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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
7.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The basic law is the Food Sanitation Law (available in Japanese). The said amendments will appear in "KANPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> March 2002
10.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> February 2002
11.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 28 February 2002 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
12.	<b>Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: