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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>  Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: (+81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp">enquiry@mofa.go.jp</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Organic Processed Foods
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Overview of Revisions to the Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic Processed Foods (1 page, in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic Processed Foods will be revised as follows:  (1) To limit the permitted case of using non-organic plants and livestock products etc. as ingredients, only in case of a difficulty to obtain organic plants and livestock products etc.  (2) As permitted substances for food additives: (i) To add ozone. (ii) To revoke DL-tartaric acid, DL-sodium tartrate, DL-potassium hydrogen tartrate, enzyme-treated lecithin and enzyme-degraded lecithin. (iii) To add or revoke foods which lactic acid, sodium bicarbonate, potassium carbonate, wood ash and hypochlorite solution are added to.  (3) As permitted substances for chemical agents: (i) To add capsaicin (repellent). (ii) To revoke plant and animal oils, gelatine, casein, fermented products from

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	aspergillus, extract from mushroom (shiitake fungus), extract from chlorella, chitin, beeswax, silicate mineral, bentonite and edible plant extract.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> To reflect practice in the production of organic agricultural products and the international standards.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic Processed Foods (Notification No.1606 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries dated 27 October 2005)</li> <li>- Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Law No. 175 of 1950)</li> </ul>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b>
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: 3em; margin-right: 10px;">}</div> <div>To be determined</div> </div>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from the date of circulation
<b>11.</b>	<b>Text available from:</b> National enquiry point [X], or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2011/tbt/JPN/11_3599_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2011/tbt/JPN/11_3599_00_e.pdf</a>