



Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF 5-6 AND 13 NOVEMBER 2020

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT¹

*Corrigendum**

Please note that paragraph 3.68. of document G/SPS/R/100 should read as follows:

3.1.18 Proposed new EU rules on composite products - Concerns of Australia

3.68. Japan shared Australia's concern on the new EU rules on composite products. In Japan's view, the EU requirement to attach an official certificate or a private attestation stating that ingredients of animal origin came from an EU approved establishment, even for low-risk processed products with small amounts of animal origin ingredients, would impose a disproportionate burden to business operators. In the case of Japan, this would hinder exports of numerous shelf-stable food products, including miso, a Japanese traditional seasoning. It was Japan's understanding that the rule was still under revision, including the amendment of Annex II of Decision 2007/275/EC, which contained the list of foods exempted from the official control at EU border control points. Japan requested the European Union to address the concerns of its trading partners and establish non-restrictive rules based on risk.

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