The following communication, dated 19 May 1994, has been received from the Permanent Representative of Japan.

With reference to the GATT document L/6370 dated 8 July 1988, the Government of Japan hereby notifies the GATT Secretariat of the following:

The Government of Japan takes, in accordance with its relevant laws and regulations, the following measures with respect to normal tariff rate for beef and Emergency Adjustment Measures during the period from 1 April 1994 to the day before the first day of the implementation period for Japan with regard to the Agreement on Agriculture annexed to the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization.

1. The normal tariff rate for beef is 50 per cent as specified in 2.3.1 and 2.3.2.3 of the GATT document (L/6370) dated 8 July 1988.

2. The Government of Japan can invoke Emergency Adjustment Measures in accordance with 2.3.2.1, 2.3.2.2 and 2.3.2.3 of the above GATT document. The annual level and adjusted tariff rate are the same as those for JFY 1993 as specified in 2.3.2.1 and 2.3.2.2 of the said GATT document, which are as follows:

- annual level: 680.832 metric tons (customs-clearance basis)
- adjusted tariff rate: 75 per cent.