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INVENTORY OF NON-TARIFF MEASURES

Measures and Mechanisms Influencing Exports

Notified by:

JAPAN
Product: Rice (10.06)

Country or group maintaining measures: Japan

Countries indicating an interest:

(a) **Description:**

Exports of rice on deferred payments basis.

(b) **Comments by other countries:**

(c) **Comments by country maintaining the measures:**

1. Japan's exports of rice on deferred payment basis are conducted under "Temporary Measure Act for the Sale of Rice to Foreign Governments" (the Act No. 106, enacted in 1970) on the request of developing countries suffering from food shortage; it has, in fact, a character of aid in that it defers payment on concessional terms for the importing countries.

2. In making such exports, Japan consults with the traditional rice exporting countries in accordance with the Principles of Disposal of Agricultural Surpluses recommended by the FAO in order not to affect adversely the rice exports from those countries.

**Active Exports during 1980-82**

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**Reference:**