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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
3.	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: Meat, viscera derived from cattle, sheep, goat and water buffalo, meat products made from the said meat and viscera (hereinafter livestock meat, etc.) Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment of the food safety control measures for animal diseases
5.	Description of content: To reduce and prevent risks, the Japanese government urgently decided to prohibit the importation, selling or processing of livestock meat, etc. derived from livestock which suffered from or was suspected to suffer from Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE).
6.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): The sudden increase in the number TSE cases in European countries despite the control measures previously in place.
8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The basic law is the Food Sanitation Law. The said amendments appeared in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted. (Available in Japanese)
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 15 February 2001
11.	Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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: