

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Health and Welfare
3.	<b>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). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Foods and food additives produced by recombinant DNA techniques
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Amendment of certain parts of the Standardized Regulation on Foods, Food Additives, and Other Related Products (Ministry of Health and Welfare Bulletin N° 370, Dec. 1959) (Available in English, 5 pages)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> To add necessary paragraphs stipulating that foods and food additives produced by recombinant DNA techniques must be assessed for their safety as food items by the Minister of Health and Welfare prior to their sale on the market.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The basic law is the Food Sanitation Law (Available in Japanese). The said amendments will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Gazette) when adopted.
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> April 2000
10.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 April 2001
11.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 7 April 2000 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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:
12.	<b>Texts available from:</b> <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: