

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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 should be provided in addition, where applicable): Food and food additives, apparatus and containers/packages for food and food additives
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment of the Food Sanitation Law (addition of provisions that enables the Minister to prohibit sale, manufacturing and import of specific foods comprehensively)
6.	Description of content: Introduction of provisions that enables the Minister to prohibit sale, manufacturing and import of specific foods, food additives, apparatus and containers/packages from a specific country, region or plant, in cases where: (1) It is recognized that considerable amounts of foods that do not conform to the provision of Food Sanitation Law are assumed to be contained, considering the result of sampling examination, circumstances of the production districts and others, and (2) It is recognized that the necessity for the prohibition is particularly high, considering the degree of potential health hazard and others.
7.	Objective and rationale: <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
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Protection of public health
9.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:

10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:	The basic laws are the Food Sanitation Law. The said amendment will appear in "KANPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):	One month after the date of proclamation.
12. 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:
13. Texts available from:	<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: