

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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, Labour and Welfare
3.	<b>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):</b> Food and food additives, apparatus and containers/packages for food and food additives.
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All countries
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Revision of the Ministerial Ordinance (its summary is available in English, 4 pages) and its Guideline (its summary is available in English, 9 pages)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Ministerial Ordinance mainly describes the factors that the Minister takes into account when he or she decides whether sale, manufacturing and import of specific foods, etc. from a specific country, region or plant should be prohibited under the recently amended Food Sanitation Law (its amendment has been notified by G/SPS/N/JPN/84). The Guideline provides detailed guidance for implementing the recently amended Food Sanitation Law.
7.	<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
8.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> Protection of public health
9.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <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 <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
10.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The said Ministerial Ordinance will appear in "KANPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
11.	<b>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> 7 September 2002

<b>12.</b>	<b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National notification authority, [ X ] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Texts available from: [ ] National notification authority, [ X ] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>