

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> JAPAN <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [   ], 5.6.2 [   ], 5.7.1 [   ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Livestock meats
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Outline of draft amendment of Quality Labelling Standard for Perishable Foods (1 page, in English)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Quality Labelling Standard for Perishable Foods will be amended to abolish an exceptional rule for country of origin labelling on livestock meat derived from animals that are imported live and slaughtered in Japan.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of the consumers' interest
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> (a) Quality labelling Standard for Perishable Foods (b) The Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (1950 Law No. 175)
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> September 2004 (To be announced in "KANPO" (Official Government Gazette)) <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be announced in "KANPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 31 August 2004
11.	<b>Texts available from:</b> National enquiry point [ X ] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: