

# 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.

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. 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>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Organic livestock products and Organic processed food
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Establishment of Japanese Agricultural Standard for Organic Livestock Products and related standards, and revision of JAS for Organic Agricultural Product Processed Foods (3 pages, in English,)
<b>6. Description of content:</b>  (1) The Japanese Agricultural Standard (JAS) for Organic Livestock Products will be established. The main contents are as follows:  (a) To feed organic agricultural feeds or organic processed feeds to livestock. (JAS for these feeds will be additionally established.) (b) To manage livestock, respecting their physiological and behavioural demand. (c) To restrict the use of veterinary drugs.  (2) The JAS for Organic Agricultural Product Processed Foods will be revised to JAS for Organic Processed Foods, which includes organic livestock products as the ingredients.  (3) Organic livestock products will be added to the list of the specified agricultural and forestry products, which are designated in the Enforcement Ordinance of the JAS Law. Therefore, only organic livestock products with JAS certification will be allowed to have labelling with the term of "Organic" or its similar terms.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of the consumers' interest.
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> The Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (1950 Law No.175) (JAS Law) The Enforcement Ordinance of the JAS Law (Cabinet Ordinance No.291 of 1951)

<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> October 2004 (To be announced in Official Government Gazette "KANPO") <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be announced in Official Government Gazette "KANPO" when adopted
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 20 October 2004
<b>11.</b>	<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: