

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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 (available in English, 7 pages).
6.	Description of content: The main items in the amendment of the Food Sanitation Law are as follows: (a) Clarification of the responsibilities of the dealers. (b) Introduction of a positive list system for agricultural chemical residues. (c) Provisions to delete food additives from the existing food additives list will be prepared. (d) Temporary prohibition on the distribution of foods ingested through special fashion. (e) Prohibition of false and/or exaggerated claims related to health benefits in advertising. (f) Abolition of the Cabinet Ordinance designation of foods subject to laboratory test when they are imported. (g) Formulation and publication of guidelines for inspection and guidance as well as a plan for implementing the inspection and laboratory test of imported food. (h) Review of the HACCP approval system. (i) New provision concerning the obligation of dealers to strive to maintain records. (j) Strengthening of penalties (including those for the violation of labelling obligations).
7.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests

<p>8. 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</p> <p>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</p>
<p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: This Regulation will appear in "KANPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted, (available in Japanese).</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: 15 January 2003</p> <p>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:</p>
<p>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:</p>