

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: JAPAN If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Beverage, Food, Oil and Fat
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: 1. Requirements for Registered Grading Organization and Foreign Registered Grading Organization (3 pages, available in English); 2. Requirements for Registered Certification Organization and Foreign Registered Certification Organization (1 page, available in English); 3. Technical Criteria for Certification of Manufacturer, Production Process Controller, Sub-divider and Importer who are Allowed to Grade and/or Affix JAS Mark by themselves (3 pages, available in English)
6.	Description of content: 1. Requirements for equipment, instruments and other facilities used for grading, and qualification and number of personnel who engage in grading; 2. Requirements for qualification and number of personnel who engage in certification, and management of certification; 3. Criteria for facilities of manufacture (production), storage, quality control and grading; Criteria for organization and methods of quality control and grading; Criteria for qualifications etc. of personnel who engage in quality control and grading.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Promotion of international trade and promotion of harmonization with international standards.
8.	Relevant documents: The Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forestry Products.

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9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:	} 1 April 2000
10.	Final date for comments:	10 March 2000
11.	Texts available from:	National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: