NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Japan  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** |
| **3.** | **Notified** **under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [****], 5.6.2 [****], 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):** Organic Plants, Organic Processed Foods, Organic livestock and organic livestock products |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Overview of Revisions to the Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic Plants, Organic Processed foods and Organic Livestock etc. ( 1 page, in English) ANNEX1 Draft revision of Japanese Agricultural Standard for Organic Plants (Notification No.1605 of 2005) ANNEX2 Draft revision of Japanese Agricultural Standard for Organic Processed Foods (Notification No.1606 of 2005) ANNEX3 Draft revision of Japanese agricultural standards for organic livestock and organic livestock products (Notification No. 1608 of 2005) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** In the Japanese Agricultural Standards for Organic Plants, Organic Processed foods and Organic Livestock etc., the state of labeling (Article 5) will be revised. Organic livestock and organic livestock products are voluntary standards at the present moment, but they are under review to be enforcement standards. (G/TBT/N/JPN/580, G/TBT/N/JPN/580/Add.1, G/TBT/N/JPN/581, G/TBT/N/JPN/581/Add.1) |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of consumers' interests. In Japan, labeling of "bio" is recognized to be equivalent to "organic". However, items labelled "bio" without being certificated as organic are sold now. Therefore, "bio" and Japanese words which have the same meanings will be subject to regulation of labelling. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   1. The Law Concerning Standardization, etc. of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Law No. 175 of 1950) <http://www.maff.go.jp/j/jas/attach/pdf/jas_gaiyou-1.pdf> 2. Enforcement Ordinance of the Law Concerning Standardization, etc. of Agricultural and Forestry Products(Government Ordinance No. 291 of 1951) <http://www.maff.go.jp/j/jas/attach/pdf/jas_gaiyou-3.pdf> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division,  Economic Affairs Bureau,  Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: (+81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: [enquiry@mofa.go.jp](mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/JPN/18_3480_00_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/JPN/18_3480_01_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/JPN/18_3480_02_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/JPN/18_3480_03_e.pdf> |