

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: <u>JAPAN</u> 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 [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 plant products
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Japan Agricultural Standards for Organic Agricultural Products (available in Japanese, 7 pages)
6.	Description of content: To establish definition and standards for production methods and labelling for organic plant products
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of consumers' interest
8.	Relevant documents: The Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forestry Products
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } Not yet determined
10.	Final date for comments: 15 December 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: