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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 the Environment
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): Invasive alien species (IASs) and relevant alien species
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: Draft of the Basic Policy under the Invasive Alien Species Act (the full text is available in English)
6.	Description of content: The draft of the Basic Policy notified hereby will elaborate the basic framework on the prevention of adverse effects on ecosystems, human safety, or agriculture, forestry and fisheries caused by IASs, principles concerning the selection of IASs, and other important matters concerning the prevention of the adverse effects.
7.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [X] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), [] International Plant Protection Convention, [] None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: Decision VI/23 adopted at the Sixth Meeting of the Convention on Biological Diversity illustrates guiding principles to prevent the introduction of control or eradicate IASs.
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The draft is available in Japanese. The Basic Policy will appear in "KANPO" (Official Government Gazette) in Japanese when announced officially.
10.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: The proposed date of the enforcement is within a year from the promulgation of the Invasive Alien Species Act (2 June 2004).

12. Final date for comments: 17 September 2004

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

13. Texts available from: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: