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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Meat, viscera derived from cattle, meat products made from the said meat and viscera, embryo/ova/semen derived from cattle and processed animal proteins (meat-and-bone-meal, etc.) (hereafter cattle meat, etc.) Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: A country which has reported a case/cases of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) or a country where the possibility of BSE cases in future cannot be ruled out taking account of the disease preventive/control measures taken regionally for the former country and the latter country (EC member States, Switzerland and Liechtenstein)
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment of the animal quarantine measures for BSE.
5.	Description of content: In light of the recent development of the BSE situation and control measure in Europe, the Japanese Government urgently decided to suspend the importation of cattle meat, etc. by enforcement of the import inspection and other measures concerning BSE for the purpose of protecting Japan from the possible introduction of BSE from specified countries in Article 3. These measures applied to the shipment of items specified in Article 3 to Japan as from 1 January 2001.
6.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): The sudden increase in the number of BSE cases in European countries despite the control measures previously in place.
8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control Law (Available in Japan)
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 1 January 2001
11.	Texts available from/and 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: