

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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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 Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site 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): Fertilizer (HS: 3101)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Amendment of the Official Standards for Ordinary Fertilizers, etc. (1 page, in English)
6.	Description of content: Fertilizer must not contain the ingredients derived from bovine vertebral column and cattle which did not go through slaughter testing. Only “certified the ingredient”, which is confirmed by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to have been produced in processing plants which cannot be contaminated with bovine vertebral column and cattle which did not go through slaughter testing, is allowed to be used for fertilizer.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Animal health
8.	Relevant documents: The basic law is the Fertilizer Control Law. The said establishment and amendment will be made public in "KAMPO" (Official Gazette) when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Late in January 2004 Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined considering grace period
10.	Final date for comments: 16 January 2004
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: