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ROLLBACK

Communication

The following communication is circulated in accordance with paragraph 4 of the agreed procedures for the surveillance mechanism (MTN.TNC/2, Annex).

1.	<u>Communication from:</u> CANADA	<u>to:</u> JAPAN
2.	<u>Participant maintaining the measure:</u> JAPAN	
3.	<u>Description of the measure</u> (including date of entry into force and relevant legislation or other document): For over 30 years, Japan has applied residual import quotas on fish products. These are announced semi-annually, but not on a timely basis. Quota amounts are not based on past import levels but on the shortfalls in the Japanese market resulting from inadequate Japanese fish catches. Further, import licences are granted to established Hokkaido processors. New importers are generally excluded from obtaining licences.	
4.	<u>Products covered, including tariff headings</u> (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff lines): Herring, squid, cod, mackerel, and scallops.	
5.	<u>Country or countries to which the measure applies:</u> All.	
6.	<u>Grounds for belief that the measure should be subject to the rollback commitment:</u> The Japanese quantitative restrictions and import licencing requirements are of a long-standing nature, in contravention of GATT Articles XI and XIII and the GATT Code on import licencing. The impact of these restrictions reduces Canada to the status of a residual supplier.	