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JAPAN

Corrigendum

BTN Nos. ex 02.01, ex 04.04, ex 16.02 and ex 20.05

New sheets attached.

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measure:	Countries indicating an interest:
Meat and edible offals of animals falling within heading No. 01.02, excluding tongues and organs (ex 02.01)	Japan	Romania

(a) Description:

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(b) Comments by other countries:

Romania: Imports into Japan are subject, apart from quantitative restrictions, to health and phytosanitary regulations under which imports of these products from Romania, which is included by the said regulations in the zone affected by foot-and-mouth disease, are prohibited. Since 1971 there have been consultations with the Japanese authorities with a view to concluding an arrangement on health and phytosanitary matters. Despite the fact that experts of the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry have recognized that Romanian producers observe the conditions of hygiene and that the Romanian veterinary inspection service exercises strict and full supervision, the prohibition on imports of Romanian products has not been lifted.

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

1. As far as the quantitative restriction is concerned, the comments of Japan are listed in pages 3 and 24 of GATT document MTN/3E/DOC/7/Add.4.
2. In Japan various measures such as the slaughter of diseased domestic animals, the incineration of the carcasses of such animals and contaminated goods and the disinfection of stock-yards and barns, are taken under the Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control Law with the object of preventing outbreaks of and controlling the spread of the designated infectious diseases, including foot-and-mouth disease of domestic animals.

With regard to importation, quarantine is implemented and imports from the contaminated areas are prohibited. To remove this prohibition on imports from certain areas, such measures as the confirmation of the non-existence of the designated disease etc. by the Japanese competent experts who have investigated that area are required.

The measures taken under the above-mentioned Law are implemented only for the purpose of animal sanitation and are not operated in such a manner as to disturb unduly the trade of the products concerned. (Applies also to BTN ex 16.02.)

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measure:	Countries indicating an interest:
Cheese (ex 04.04)	Japan	Romania

(a) Description:

H.S.

(b) Comments by other countries:

Romania: The health and phytosanitary regulations notified by Romania concern provisions of the Food Sanitary Law stipulating certain rules as to hygiene, permitted food preservatives, types of packaging, etc.

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

In order to safeguard the public health and sanitation of the nation, the Japanese Government is authorized by the Food Sanitation Law to set up standards for various elements such as additives (preservatives, colouring matter, etc.), container packaging (sealing, etc.), labelling and advertising of all the food and drink to be sold.

These measures are indispensable to prevent the occurrence of critical and dangerous situations caused by food and drink and are applied equally to both domestic and imported products. (Applies also to BTN ex 20.05.)

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measure:	Countries indicating an interest:
Other prepared or preserved meat or offal of bovine animals or of swine (ex 16.02)	Japan	Romania

(a) Description:

H.S.

(b) Comments by other countries:

Romania: Imports into Japan are subject, apart from quantitative restrictions, to health and phytosanitary regulations under which imports of these products from Romania, which is included by the said regulations in the zone affected by foot-and-mouth disease, are prohibited. Since 1971 there have been consultations with the Japanese authorities with a view to concluding an arrangement on health and phytosanitary matters. Despite the fact that experts of the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry have recognized that Romanian producers observe the conditions of hygiene and that the Romanian veterinary inspection service exercises strict and full supervision, the prohibition on imports of Romanian products has not been lifted.

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

(See BTN ex 02.01)

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measure:	Countries indicating an interest:
Jams, fruit jellies, marmalades, fruit purée and fruit paste (ex 20.05)	Japan	Romania

(a) Description:

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(b) Comments by other countries:

Romania: The health and phytosanitary regulations notified by Romania concern provisions of the Food Sanitary Law stipulating certain rules as to hygiene, permitted food preservatives, types of packaging, etc.

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

(See BTN ex 04.04)