

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u>
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 <input type="checkbox"/> , 2.6.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.3.2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , 7.4.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , Other:
4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Agricultural tractor (15-80 ps), rice transplanter, riding type power sprayer, air blast sprayer, head feeding combine, forage harvester (less than 1 m. of cutting width), potato harvester bean cutter, safety cab and frame for agricultural tractor. (CCCN 8421, 8424, 8425, 8701, 8706).
5. Title: Amendment to the Agricultural Mechanization Promotion Law.
6. Description of content: A. Application of type inspection by those who live abroad Those who do not live in Japan will be able to apply for the type inspection of agricultural equipments. B. Amendment to the provisions on the follow-up inspection When the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries conducts the follow-up inspection, he will be able to request those who live abroad that the inspection, if necessary, be taken at the sites of operation.
7. Objective and rationale: To ensure in terms of legal systems that there be no discrimination between nationals and non-nationals in certification procedures.
8. Relevant documents: Basic document is the Agricultural Mechanization Promotion Law
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Not yet determined
10. Final date for comments: The purpose of this amendment is to proceed further with the opening of the Japanese market by ensuring in terms of legal systems that there be no discrimination between nationals and non-nationals in certification procedures, in the light of the views and requests presented by Japan's trading partners. Given the urgent nature of this legislation, it has been decided by the Cabinet to present the legislation promptly to the current session of the Diet. Such being the case, there will be no comment period for this legislation.
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address of other body: