

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 chemicals (CCCN 3811)
5.	Title: Amendment to the Agricultural Chemical Regulation Law
6.	Description of content: Registration of foreign made agricultural chemicals (1) Those who manufacture or process agricultural chemicals for the purpose of the export to and the sale in Japan will be able to obtain the registration by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. (2) Those who wish to obtain the registration mentioned in (1) above will be requested to designate an agent who has an address in Japan. (3) The same obligations imposed for domestic manufacturers will be imposed on those who obtained the registration mentioned in (1) above. Agents in Japan will be subject to obligations such as keeping of records.
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 Chemical Regulation 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: