

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: Animal Production Division, Bureau of Livestock Industry, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , 2.6.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.3.2 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.4.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , Other:
4.	Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Livestock for improvement and increased production
5.	Title: Amendment to the grading standard for breeding male livestock
6.	Description of content: According to Article 14 of the Law for Improvement and Increased Production for Livestock, the certificate required to be attached to the imported semen and embryos of livestock in cases where these products are transferred or used must state the grade of breeding livestock according to the grading standard established by the Japanese Government into which the male livestock used for collecting the semen or used for natural mating or artificial insemination to obtain the embryos is classified. As for the grades of male livestock, the male livestock are classified into excellent grade, first grade, second grade and offgrade taking into account their pedigree, performance and form based on the grading standard for breeding livestock male. The outline of the standard is as follows: (1) The male livestock with the certificate of pedigree, etc. issued by the association for livestock registration in Japan or foreign registration association authorized by Japanese Government is classified into the second or higher grade. (2) The male livestock meeting the requirements concerning the form, etc. is classified into the second or higher grade. (3) The male livestock is classified into the excellent, first or second grade taking into account the superiority of its performance.
7.	Objective and rationale: To promote the improvement and increased production of livestock
8.	Relevant documents: The notice of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries concerning the establishment of grading standard for male breeding livestock
9.	Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Not yet determined
10.	Final date for comments: 10 November 1983
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address of other body: