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Organic Products

Proposed Changes to Japan's JAS Organic Standards Open for Public Comment

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Report Highlights:

Japan notified proposed changes to its JAS standards for organic agricultural products and organic processed foods to the WTO. The standards are open for public comment until August 21, 2006

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Japan announced proposed changes to the JAS organic standards for organic agricultural products and organic processed products. If you have an issue you would like included in the official U.S. Government comments, please contact FAS well in advance of the deadline at:

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The general details of the proposed changes are as follows:

1) WTO # - TBT/N/JPN/174/R1
Country - Japan
Product - Organic agricultural products
Comment Deadline - 8/21/2006 Enforcement Date -

Objective - To make provisions of production method for fungi clear.
-To ensure consistency in permitted substances with the relevant substances in the Codex Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods taking into

Description - Japanese Agricultural Standard (JAS) for organic agricultural products will be amended as follows:

-To add provisions of production criteria for fungi; and

-To ensure consistency in permitted substances with the relevant substances in the Codex Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods.

WTO # - TBT/N/JPN/175/R1 Country - Japan

Product - Organic processed foods
Comment Deadline - 8/21/2006 Enforcement Date -

Objective - To ensure consistency with the Codex Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods.

Description - Japanese Agricultural Standard (JAS) for organic processed foods will be amended as follows:

-To provide that organic agricultural product and organic livestock product shall be no less than 95% of the weight of all ingredients excluding salt, water and processing aids.

-To ensure consistency in permitted substances with the relevant substances in the Codex Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods