

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Aquatic animals
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment of the Enforcement Ordinance of the Fisheries Resources Conservation Act (abstract (two pages) is available in English).
6. Description of content: <ol style="list-style-type: none">To designate Ministerial Ordinance-listed diseases and susceptible hosts to each of the diseases pursuant to the Fisheries Resources Conservation Act.To provide the way and duration in and for which Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries may order the importer to detain the imported aquatic animals which may possibly contain Ministerial Ordinance-listed diseases.To provide procedures to apply examination for diagnosis of the detained aquatic animals. <p>Relevant amendment of the Fisheries Resources Conservation Act was notified as document G/SPS/N/JPN/135.</p>
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: These proposed regulations are substantially the same as the content of the OIE "Aquatic Animal Health Code 2004"; however, Japan submits the notification only because the proposed rules include non OIE-listed disease (KHV).

9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The basic law is the Fisheries Resources Conservation Act. This draft ordinance will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) in Japanese when promulgated.
10. Proposed date of adoption: The date of promulgation (to be announced in the Official Government Gazette).
11. Proposed date of entry into force: The date when the Amendment of the Fisheries Resources Conservation Act is enforced (to be announced in the Official Government Gazette, within 6 months from 27 April 2005).
12. Final date for comments: 18 August 2005 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
13. Texts available from: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: