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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	Notifying Member: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Food, beverages and other agricultural, forestry and fishery products (including processed products) other than alcoholic beverages and pharmaceuticals.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Outline of proposed scheme on Geographical Indications of Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Products (1 pages, in English).
6.	Description of content: A new scheme for recognition and protection of Geographical Indications (GIs).
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To protect the confidences of consumers and interests of producers.
8.	Relevant documents: The new scheme will publicised in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from notification
11.	Text available from: National enquiry point [X], or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: (+813)5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/tbt/JPN/13_4889_00_e.pdf