

**Enforcement Ordinance of the Law Concerning Standardization, etc. of  
Agricultural and Forestry Products**

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**(Provisional Translation)**

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The Cabinet hereby establishes this government ordinance to amend all portions of the Enforcement Ordinance of the Agricultural and Forest Commodities Standards Law (Government Ordinance No. 178 of 1950), stipulated pursuant to Article 2, Paragraph 1 and Article 17, Paragraph 1 of the Agricultural and Forest Commodities Standards Law (Law No. 175 of 1950).

(Agricultural and Forestry Products except for Drinks, Foods, Oils and Fats)

Article 1 The products provided in this Government Ordinance pursuant to Article 2, Paragraph 1, Item [2] of the Law Concerning Standardization, etc. of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Law No. 175 of 1950. hereinafter referred to as “the Law”) shall be products made from igusa, raw silk, general timber, balk lumber, board with wane, electric utility poles, railroad ties, plywood (except those for airplanes), flooring, charcoals and feeds made from agricultural products or livestock products as their raw materials or ingredients.

(Councils, etc. to be specified by the Government Ordinance)

Article 2 The council, etc. to be specified by the Government Ordinance under Article 7, Paragraph 5 of the Law shall be the Council for the Standards for Agricultural and Forestry Products.

(Registration Fees of Registered Certifying Bodies (hereinafter referred to as RCBs))

Article 3 The amount to be provided by the Government Ordinance under the provisions of Article 16, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be provided in the following items, depending on the correspondences of the types provided by the Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (hereinafter “the Ministerial Ordinance”) as referred to in the same Paragraph to the types below:

[1] Type including agricultural and forestry products for which Japanese Agricultural Standards described in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item [1] of the Law are stipulated: 128,600 yen (in the case of an electronic application (meaning an application made with a computer information processing system provided for in Article 3, Paragraph 1 of the Act Concerning Utilization of Information Communication Technology in Administrative Procedures and Other Procedures (Law No. 151 of 2002); hereinafter the same), 128,300 yen); and

[2] Type other than those provided for in the preceding Item: 105,700 yen (in the case of an electronic application, 105,400 yen).

(Effective Registration Period of RCBs)

Article 4 The period provided in the Government Ordinance pursuant to Article 17-3, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be 4 years.

(Fees for the Renewal of RCB Registration)

Article 5 The amount to be provided by the Government Ordinance pursuant to Article 16, Paragraph 1 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 17-3, Paragraph 2 of the Law shall be provided in the following items, depending on the correspondences of the types provided by the Ministerial Ordinance as referred to in the same Paragraph to the types below:

- [1] Type including agricultural and forestry products for which Japanese Agricultural Standards described in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item [1] of the Law are stipulated: 103,400 yen (in the case of an electronic application, 103,100 yen); and
- [2] Type other than those provided for in the preceding Item: 88,100 yen (in the case of an electronic application, 87,800 yen).

(Fees for the Registration of Registered Overseas Certifying Bodies (hereinafter ROCBs))

Article 6 The amount to be provided by the Government Ordinance pursuant to Article 19-8 of the Law shall be provided in the following items, depending on the types provided by the Ministerial Ordinance as referred to in the same Paragraph to the types below, in addition to an equivalent amount that would be paid under the provisions of the Law concerning the Traveling Expenses of National Public Employees (Law No. 114 of 1950; hereinafter referred to as “the Traveling Expense Law”) as the traveling expenses of two officials who travel to the place of business related to the registration inspection referred to in the same Article for the purpose of the mentioned inspection:

- [1] Type including agricultural and forestry products for which Japanese Agricultural Standards described in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item [1] of the Law are stipulated: 84,800 yen (in the case of an electronic application, 84,500 yen); and
- [2] Type other than those provided for in the preceding Item: 61,900 yen (in the case of an electronic application, 61,600 yen).

2. In the case of the preceding Paragraph, the traveling expenses shall be calculated on the assumption that the officials who travel fall under Class 4 in Schedule (1) for the Salaries of Administrative Government Employees set forth under the provisions of Article 6, Paragraph 1, Item [1] (a) of the Law concerning the Salaries of Regular Government Services (Law No. 95 of 1950), and that the amount of sundry travel expenses and other details necessary for calculating traveling expenses shall be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance.

(Burden of Costs Necessary for Inspections of ROCB Offices, etc.)

Article 7 The costs to be provided by the Government Ordinance pursuant to Article 19-9, Paragraph 4 of the Law shall be the costs equivalent to the amount of traveling expenses necessary for officials of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries or the Food and Agricultural Materials Inspection Center to travel for inspection under Paragraph 2, Item [6] of the same Article to offices, places of business or warehouses related to the mentioned inspection. In this case, the traveling expenses shall be calculated on the assumption that the officials who travel are two in number, and fall under Class 4 in Schedule (1) for the Salaries of Administrative Government Employees set forth under the provisions of Article 6, Paragraph 1, Item [1] (a) of the Law concerning the Salaries of Regular Government Services, in accordance with the examples provided in the Traveling Expense Law, and that the amount of sundry travel expenses and other details necessary for calculating traveling expenses shall be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance.

(Effective Period of the ROCB Registration)

Article 8 The period to be provided by the Government Ordinance pursuant to Article 17-3, Paragraph 1 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-10 of the Law shall be 4 years.

(Fees for the ROCB Registration Renewal)

Article 9 The amount to be provided by the Government Ordinance pursuant to Article 16, Paragraph 1 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 17-3, Paragraph 2 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-10 of the Law shall be provided in the following items, depending on the correspondences of the types provided by the Ministerial Ordinance as referred to in the same Paragraph to the types below, in addition to an equivalent amount that would be paid under the provisions of the Traveling Expense Law as the traveling expenses of two officials who travel to the places of business related to the inspection of registration renewal referred to in Article 17-3, Paragraph 1 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-10 of the Law for the purpose of the mentioned inspection:

[1] Types including agricultural and forestry products for which Japanese Agricultural Standards described in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item [1] of the Law are stipulated: 59,600 yen (in the case of an electronic application, 59,300 yen); and

[2] Types other than those provided for in the preceding Item: 44,300 yen (in the case of an electronic application, 44,000 yen).

2. The provisions of Article 6, Paragraph 2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the calculation of the amount of traveling expenses provided in the preceding Paragraph.

(Agricultural and Forestry Products Requiring Proper Labeling of Name)

Article 10 The agricultural and forestry products to be specified by the Government

Ordinance pursuant to Article 19-15, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be foods and beverages comply with the following criteria:

- [1] Such agricultural and forest products (limited to those which conform to the standards stipulated by the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries) as are harvested in the fields (including those where chemically synthesized pesticides, fertilizers and soil improvement substances (except as specified by the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries as those the use of which is inevitable; referred to as “chemical pesticides, etc.” in this paragraph) have not been used for the period beginning one year before the harvesting of the mentioned agricultural and forest products and ending at the harvest time, and also no use of chemical pesticides, etc. is expected to continue without fail after the harvesting of the mentioned agricultural and forest products) where chemical pesticides, etc. are not used for the period beginning two years (in the case of harvests from perennial plants, three years before their harvest) before seeding or planting of the seeds and seedlings used for the production of the mentioned agricultural and forest products and ending at the harvest time of the mentioned agricultural and forest products; and
- [2] Foods and beverages (limited to those which conform to the standards stipulated by the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries) as are manufactured or processed with the agricultural and forest products described in the preceding item as raw materials or ingredients.

(Authority not relegated to the Minister of the Consumer Affairs Agency)

Article 11 The authority provided by the Government Ordinance determined under Article 23, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be the authority stipulated pursuant to Article 19-13, Paragraph 1, Paragraph 3 and Paragraph 4, as well as Article 21-3 of the Law.

(Services to be Dealt with by Prefectures)

Article 12 Of the authority of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries stipulated under the Law and the matters belonging to the authority delegated to the Minister of the Consumer Affairs Agency stipulated pursuant to Article 23, Paragraph 1 of the Law, the matters listed in the each of the following numbered items shall be dealt with by the governor of the prefecture determined in each of the mentioned numbered items. Notwithstanding, pertaining to the matters mentioned in Item [3] through Item [6] (for the matters mentioned in Item [3] through Item [5], limited to cases recognized as necessary for enforcement of the stipulations in Article 19-14 of the Law), this shall not preclude direct handling of the matters by the Minister of the Consumer Affairs Agency or the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

- [1] Matters pertaining to indications stipulated pursuant to Article 19-14, Paragraph 1 of the Law and announcements in accordance with the stipulations in Article 19-14-2 of the Law related to the mentioned indications (in all cases, limited to those

pertaining to Manufacturers, etc. (referring to the Manufacturers, etc. stipulated pursuant to Article 14, Paragraph 1 of the Law; hereinafter the same within this Paragraph) whose principal offices, places of business, factories and stores are solely located within the limits of a single prefecture (hereinafter referred to within this Article as “Specified Manufacturers, etc.”)). The governor of the mentioned prefecture.

- [2] Matters pertaining to orders stipulated pursuant to Article 19-14, Paragraph 3 of the Law related to indications by the prefectural governor determined in the preceding numbered item stipulated pursuant to Article 19-14, Paragraph 1 of the Law, as well as announcements in accordance with the stipulations of Article-19-14-2 of the Law related to the mentioned orders (in all cases, limited to matters pertaining to Specified Manufacturers, etc.). The governor of the mentioned prefecture.
  - [3] Matters pertaining to collection of reports and request for materials submission targeting Manufacturers, etc. stipulated pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 3 of the Law. The prefectural governor holding jurisdiction over the locations of the principal offices of the mentioned Manufacturers, etc.
  - [4] Matters pertaining to collection of reports and request for materials submission targeting Manufacturers’, etc. operationally related operators stipulated pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 3 of the Law. The prefectural governor holding jurisdiction over the locations of the principal offices of the mentioned Manufacturers, etc.
  - [5] Matters pertaining to on-site inspections or questions concerning Manufacturers, etc. or its operationally related operators stipulated pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 3 of the Law. The prefectural governor holding jurisdiction over locations related to mentioned on-site inspections or questions.
  - [6] Matters pertaining to the reception of requests stipulated pursuant to Article 21-2, Paragraph 1 of the Law, as well as inquiries pursuant to Article 21-2, Paragraph 2 of the Law. The prefectural governor holding jurisdiction over the locations of the principal offices of the mentioned Manufacturers, etc. targeted by requests.
2. In cases pertaining to the text of the preceding Paragraph, stipulations pertaining to the Prime Minister or the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries concerning matters pursuant to the main text of the same Paragraph within the Law (excluding stipulations pursuant to Article 19-14, Paragraph 2 and Paragraph 4, as well as Article 20, Paragraph 6 of the Law) shall be applied to prefectural governors as stipulations pertaining to prefectural governors.
  3. When a prefectural governor has carried out the matters mentioned in Paragraph 1, Item [1] stipulated pursuant to the main text of Paragraph 1, the contents of those actions shall be reported to the Minister of the Consumer Affairs Agency and the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, as provided by the Cabinet Office Ordinance and the Ministerial Ordinance.
  4. When a prefectural governor has carried out the matters mentioned in Paragraph 1, Item [2] stipulated pursuant to the main text of Paragraph 1, the contents of those

actions shall be reported to the Minister of the Consumer Affairs Agency as provided by the Cabinet Office Ordinance.

5. When a prefectural governor has carried out the matters mentioned in Paragraph 1, Item [3] through Item [5] stipulated pursuant to the main text of Paragraph 1 (limited to matters pertaining to Manufacturers other than Specified Manufacturers, etc. and its operationally related operators), the results of those actions shall be reported to the Minister of the Consumer Affairs Agency and the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries as provided by the Cabinet Office Ordinance and the Ministerial Ordinance.
6. Upon supposition by Minister of the Consumer Affairs Agency or the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries that the collection of reports or request for materials submission or the results of the conducting of on-site inspections or asking questions pertaining to Specified Manufacturers, etc. or its operationally related operators stipulated pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 3 of the Law reveal violations by the mentioned Specified Manufacturers, etc. of the stipulations of Article 19-13-2 of the Law, or, failure to adopt measures pertaining to indications stipulated pursuant to Article 19-14, Paragraph 1 of the Law without justifiable reasons (limited to matters pertaining to indications by prefectural governors as determined in Paragraph 1, Item [1] stipulated pursuant to the main text of Paragraph 1), notification to that effect shall be made to the mentioned prefectural governor.
7. When the conducting of investigations by the Minister of the Consumer Affairs Agency or the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries stipulated pursuant to Article 21-2, Paragraph 2 results in supposition of the need for a prefectural governor to adopt measures stipulated in the mentioned Paragraph, notification of those effects shall be made to the mentioned prefectural governor.
8. Upon the conducting of investigations by a prefectural governor stipulated pursuant to Article 21-2, Paragraph 2 from among the matters listed in Paragraph 1, Item [6] stipulated pursuant to the main text of Paragraph 1, the results of those actions shall be reported to the Minister of the Consumer Affairs Agency and the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries as provided by the Cabinet Office Ordinance and the Ministerial Ordinance.
9. In cases noted in exceptional clause of Paragraph 1, when the Minister of the Consumer Affairs Agency, the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries or a prefectural governor carry out matters mentioned in Item [3] through Item [6] of the same Paragraph, those actions shall be implemented through mutually close collaboration.