

**Enforcement Regulations for the Law Concerning Standardization, etc. of  
Agricultural and Forestry Products  
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The Enforcement Ordinance of the Agricultural and Forest Commodities Standards Law is hereby established for the purpose of enforcing the Agricultural and Forest Commodities Standards Law (Law No. 175 of 1950), pursuant to the mentioned Law.

(Planning Concerning Establishment, etc. of Japan Agricultural Standards)

Article 1 The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall each fiscal year act in accordance with the stipulations of the Law concerning the Standardization, etc. of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Law No. 175 of 1950. hereinafter referred to as “the Law”), Article 7 (including cases when applied mutatis mutandis under Article 9 of the Law) in preparing a plan for establishment of standards and the confirmation, amendment and abolishment (hereinafter referred to collectively as “Confirmation, etc.”) of Japanese Agricultural Standards (hereinafter referred to as the “Plan Concerning Establishment, etc. of Japanese Agricultural Standards”).

2. The Plan Concerning Establishment, etc. of Japanese Agricultural Standards shall determine with regard to the matters listed below.

[1] Matters Concerning Establishment of Japanese Agricultural Standards

- (a) The types and purposes of the agricultural and forest products targeted under the Japanese Agricultural Standards for which efforts are being made to establish.
- (b) Matters pertaining to investigations concerning the quality, production, transactions, use, present consumption conditions, future projections and trends in international standards of the mentioned agricultural and forest products (hereinafter referred to as “Standards Investigations”).
- (c) Matters pertaining to the preparation of original proposals for establishment of the mentioned Japanese Agricultural Standards.
- (d) Matters pertaining to procedures seeking to obtain a broad range of general opinions regarding original proposals for establishment of the Japanese Agricultural Standards prepared pursuant to the mentioned original proposals (hereinafter referred to simply as “Proposal for Establishment”) and the original proposals concerning requests stipulated pursuant to Article 8, Paragraph 1 of the Law.
- (e) Matters pertaining to deliberations by the Council for the Standards for Agricultural and Forestry Products.

[2] Matters Concerning Confirmation, etc. of Japanese Agricultural Standards

- (a) The names of Japanese Agricultural Standards for which efforts are being made

- to obtain Confirmation, etc.
- (b) Matters pertaining to Standards Investigations of Japanese Agricultural Standards for which efforts are being made to achieve the mentioned Confirmation, etc.
  - (c) Matters pertaining to preparation of original proposals for Confirmation, etc. of the mentioned Japanese Agricultural Standards.
  - (d) Matters pertaining to procedures seeking to obtain a broad range of general opinions regarding proposals for Confirmation, etc. of the Japanese Agricultural Standards prepared pursuant to the mentioned original proposals (hereinafter referred to simply as “Proposal for Confirmation, etc.”) and the original proposals concerning requests stipulated pursuant to Article 8, Paragraph 1 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 9 of the Law.
  - (e) Matters pertaining to deliberations by the Council for the Standards for Agricultural and Forestry Products.
3. When having prepared Plans Concerning Establishment, etc. of Japanese Agricultural Standards stipulated pursuant to Paragraph 1, the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall promptly make use of the Internet or other means to announce the plans.
4. The stipulations in the preceding Paragraph shall be applied mutatis mutandis to changes in Plans Concerning Establishment, etc. of Japanese Agricultural Standards.

(Investigation Implementing Corporations)

Article 2 The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall be able to direct corporate entities recognized as corresponding to the requirements listed below to conduct Standards Investigations (hereinafter referred to “Investigation Implementing Corporations”).

- [1] Possession of knowledge pertaining to the establishment or confirmation, etc. of Japanese Agricultural Standards.
  - [2] Possession of knowledge pertaining to Standards Investigations.
  - [3] Possession of the accounting basics and technical competence required to conduct Standards Investigations.
  - [4] Preparation of implementation guidelines specifically determining methods for the proper handling of personal information and other methods for the proper and reliable implementation of Standards Inspections.
2. Investigation Implementing Corporations shall conduct Standards Inspections pursuant to Plans Concerning Establishment, etc. of Japanese Agricultural Standards.
3. Investigation Implementing Corporations shall promptly prepare written reports upon completion of Standards Investigations, and submit the mentioned reports to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

(Original Proposal Preparation Bodies)

Article 3 The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall be able to direct consultative bodies recognized as corresponding to the requirements listed below to prepare original proposals for the establishment or confirmation, etc. of Japanese Agricultural Standards (hereinafter referred to as “Original Proposal Preparation Bodies”).

- [1] Members of consultative bodies possess knowledge pertaining to the establishment or confirmation, etc. of Japanese Agricultural Standards.
  - [2] The makeup of the membership of consultative bodies has been arranged with consideration to properly reflect the diversified views of persons possessing vested interests.
  - [3] Determination in the meeting rules of the Original Proposal Preparation Bodies of the granting of opportunities to persons with vested interests other than members of consultative bodies to express their opinions at meetings of the bodies, the holding of such meetings and the devising of measures necessary to reflect the opinions of other persons with vested interests.
2. Original Proposal Preparation Bodies shall act in accordance with Plans Concerning Establishment, etc. of Japanese Agricultural Standards in the preparation of original proposals for the establishment or confirmation, etc. of Japanese Agricultural Standards pursuant to scientific knowledge and so as to conform with the stipulations of Article 7, Paragraph 2 and Paragraph 3 of the Law.
  3. Upon preparation of original proposals for the establishment or confirmation, etc. of Japanese Agricultural Standards, Original Proposal Preparation Bodies shall promptly submit to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries the mentioned original proposals, the essentials and results of the course of the proceedings of the mentioned meeting, and the documents submitted to the mentioned meeting (referred to hereinafter in Paragraph 2, Item [2] of the following Article as the “Meeting Reports”). Notwithstanding, in cases of confirmation or abolition of Japanese Agricultural Standards, the Japanese Agricultural Standards for which efforts are being made to confirm or abolish shall be considered to be the original proposals of the Japanese Agricultural Standards.

(Consultation with the Council for the Standards for Agricultural and Forestry Products)

Article 4 After conducting procedures seeking a broad range of general opinions regarding Proposal for Establishment or Proposal for Confirmation, etc., the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall refer the proposals for deliberation by the Council for the Standards for Agricultural and Forestry Products.

2. When referring Proposal for Establishment or Proposal for Confirmation, etc. for deliberation by the Council for the Standards for Agricultural and Forestry Products, the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall attach the documents listed

below.

[1] The results of Standards Investigations of Japanese Agricultural Standards for which efforts are being made to gain establishment or confirmation, etc. as determined in Plans Concerning Establishment, etc. of Japanese Agricultural Standards.

[2] Meeting Reports submitted pursuant to the preceding Article, Paragraph 3.

[3] Results of procedures seeking a broad range of general opinions pursuant to the preceding Paragraph.

3. The provisions of the preceding Paragraph 2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to original proposals pertaining to requests stipulated pursuant to Article 8, Paragraph 1 of the Law (including cases when applied mutatis mutandis in Article 9 of the Law; the same shall apply to Article 14). In this case, "Paragraph 3 of the preceding Article" within the preceding Paragraph Item [2] shall be read as "Article 14," while "Meeting Reports" shall be read as "The essentials and results of the course of the proceedings of meetings in Article 13, Paragraph 2 held during the process of preparing original proposals, and the materials submitted to the mentioned meetings."

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Article 13 Persons seeking to conduct requests stipulated pursuant to Article 8, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall consider the quality, production, transactions, use, present consumption conditions, future projections and trends in international standards of the agricultural and forest products pertaining to the original proposals in the mentioned Paragraph, as well as prepare the mentioned original proposals so as to effectively reflect the intentions of persons possessing vested interests, and ensure that there is no unfair discrimination toward persons under the same conditions in the course of the mentioned application.

2. Upon preparation of original proposals in the preceding Paragraph, persons seeking to conduct requests stipulated pursuant to Article 8, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall hold meetings comprised of persons possessing vested interests and seek the opinions of the mentioned persons.
3. Persons seeking to conduct requests stipulated pursuant to Article 8, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall conduct Standards Investigations of the mentioned original proposals in advance, and report upon the results of the mentioned investigations to the meetings stipulated in the preceding Paragraph.

(Requests for Establishment, Confirmation, etc. of Japanese Agricultural Standards)

Article 14 Requests stipulated pursuant to Article 8, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be made by documents with the matters below in triplicate, with the Japanese Agricultural Standard of which the confirmation or abolition is requested as the original proposal in the case of requests for confirmation or abolition:

- [1] Name, address, type and details of business engaged in by requesters;
- [2] Types of agricultural and forestry products for which establishment or confirmation, etc. is being sought, intention to establish, confirm, amend or abolish;
- [3] Reasons for establishment, confirmation, amendment or abolition;
- [4] Results of Standards Inspections of original proposals related to the mentioned request;
- [5] When requesting establishment or amendment, the essentials and results of the course of the proceedings of the meetings in the Preceding Article, Paragraph 2 held during the process of preparing original proposals related to the mentioned request, and the documents submitted to the mentioned meetings.”

(Proclamation of Establishment, etc., of Japanese Agricultural Standards)

Article 15 Proclamations stipulated pursuant to Article 11, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be made by publishing the matters listed below in Official Gazettes; while when proclaiming establishment or amendment, the mentioned Japanese Agricultural Standards shall be made available for public inspection to the Labelling and Standards Division of the Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; Regional Agricultural Administration Offices and Regional Agricultural Administrative Office Area Centers; the Hokkaido District Agricultural Office and Hokkaido District Agricultural Office Area Center; Okinawa Central Bureau; and prefectural offices.

- [1] Types of agricultural and forestry products;
  - [2] Public notification number of the mentioned Japanese Agricultural Standard;
  - [3] Intention to establish, confirm, amend or abolish; and
  - [4] Date of enforcement.
2. The proclamation stipulated under Article 11, Paragraph 2 of the Law shall be made by publishing the following matters in Official Gazettes:

- [1] Type of agricultural and forestry products;
- [2] Public notification number of the mentioned Japanese Agricultural Standard; and
- [3] The fact that the mentioned Japanese Agricultural Standard has been confirmed.

(Public Hearing)

Article 16 Any person who requests to hold a public hearing pursuant to Article 13, Paragraph 2 of the Law shall provide to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries a written request to hold a public hearing carrying the matters described as below in triplicate:

- [1] Name and address of the person who requests a public hearing;
- [2] Matters on which the person requests a public hearing;
- [3] Reasons for requesting a public hearing; and
- [4] Opinion.

Article 17 When the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries is to hold a public hearing, the Minister shall proclaim the date and venue of the public hearing and the matters for hearing no less than 10 days prior to the date.

Article 18 Any person who is to state his or her opinion at the public hearing shall notify in writing the pro or con of the mentioned matter and its reason to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in advance.

Article 19 The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall select stakeholders whose opinions to be stated at the public hearing (hereinafter referred to as “witnesses”) from among those who have notified under the preceding article or others and notify the persons to that effect.

2. If there are pros and cons of the mentioned matter among those who have notified in advance, witnesses shall be selected from both sides.

Article 20 The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries or a designated official of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall preside over the public hearing as a chairman.

Article 21 The chairman may designate committee members or expert members who attend the public hearing and state their opinions at appropriate occasions.

Article 22 Any observations of witnesses shall not go beyond the mentioned matter.

2. If there are any observations of witnesses beyond the mentioned matter or any inappropriate statements and actions by the witnesses, the chairman may prohibit them from speaking or order them to leave the public hearing.

Article 23 The committee members or expert members appointed pursuant to Article 21 may ask the witnesses questions.

2. The witnesses shall not ask questions to the committee members or expert members.

Article 24 The witnesses may present their opinions in writing or make their agents state their opinions subject to the chairman's approval.

(Applications for Certification of Manufacturers, etc.)

Article 25 Applications for the certification in Article 14, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be made by providing a document stating the matters listed below (excluding Item [4] in the case of applications for certification under Article 46, Paragraph 2) to Registered Certifying Bodies (hereafter referred to as RCBs):

- [1] Name and address of the applicant;
- [2] Type of agricultural and forestry products to be graded;
- [3] Names and locations of factories or places of business where the mentioned agricultural and forestry products are manufactured or processed;
- [4] Items listed in Article 29, Paragraph 1; and
- [5] Other matters for reference.

(Grading labels)

Article 26 The method to be provided by this Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministerial Ordinance") pursuant to Article 14, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be as follows:

- [1] The labeling matters shall be in principle as described below, and the form thereof shall be provided by public notifications of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for each agricultural and forestry product:
  - (a) Characters "Japanese Agricultural Standard" or their abbreviation;
  - (b) Name of the mentioned agricultural and forestry product;
  - (c) Corresponding grade in the relevant Japanese Agricultural Standard;
  - (d) Name of the RCB that has certified the mentioned products; and
  - (e) Date of labeling.
- [2] The labeling method shall be provided by public notifications of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for each agricultural and forestry product.

(Production Process Managers)

Article 27 The persons to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance as those who manage or control the production processes of agricultural and forestry products under Article 14, Paragraph 2 of the Law shall be the following:

- [1] Producers of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products;
- [2] Legal persons consisting of the producers of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products (including nonlegal associations or foundations with their company

rules to have a representative or manager) which manage or control the production processes of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products; and

[3] Distributors of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products who manage or control the production processes of such agricultural and forestry products.

(Applications for Certification of Production Process Managers)

Article 28 Applications for the certification in Article 14, Paragraph 2 of the Law shall be made by providing a document with the matters listed below to RCBs:

[1] Name and address of the applicant;

[2] Type of agricultural and forestry products to be graded;

[3] Names and locations of fields or places of business where the mentioned agricultural and forestry products are produced;

[4] Matters listed in all numbered items of Article 29, Paragraph 2); and

[5] Other matters for reference.

(Distribution Process Managers)

Article 28-2 The persons to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance as those who manage or control the distribution process of agricultural and forestry products under Article 14, Paragraph 3 of the Law shall be the following:

[1] Producers of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products who manage or control the distribution process of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products;

[2] Manufacturers of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products who manage or control the distribution process of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products;

[3] Importers of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products who manage or control the distribution process of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products;

[4] Carriers of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products who manage or control the distribution process of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products;

[5] Distributors of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products who manage or control the distribution process of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products; and

[6] Legal persons consisting of the producers, manufacturers, importers, carriers and distributors of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products (including nonlegal associations or foundations with their company rules to have a representative or manager) which manage or control the distribution process of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products.

(Applications for Certification of Distribution Process Managers)

Article 28-3 Applications for the certification under Article 14, Paragraph 3 of the Law shall be made by providing a document with the matters listed below to RCBs:

[1] Name and address of the applicant;

[2] Types of agricultural and forestry products to be graded;



- [3] Distribution processes for the mentioned agricultural and forestry products;
- [4] Names and locations of the producers, manufacturers, exporters, importers, carriers and distributors (hereinafter referred to as “Producers, etc.”);
- [5] Matters listed in all numbered items of the following Article, Paragraph 3; and
- [6] Other matters for reference.

(Technical Criteria for the Certification of Manufacturers, etc.)

Article 29 The technical criteria for certification under Article 14, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be stipulated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for each type of agricultural and forestry product with regard to those listed in any or all of the following items:

- [1] Facilities for production or processing, storage, quality control and grading;
  - [2] Method of implementation of quality control;
  - [3] Qualifications and number of the personnel in charge of quality control;
  - [4] Organizations and method of implementation of grading; and
  - [5] Qualifications and number of the personnel in charge of grading.
2. The technical criteria for certification made under Article 14, Paragraph 2 of the Law shall be stipulated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for each type of agricultural and forestry products with regard to those listed in the following items:
- [1] Facilities for manufacture and storage;
  - [2] Method of implementation of management or control of production processes;
  - [3] Qualifications and number of the personnel in charge of management or control of production processes;
  - [4] Method of implementation of grading; and
  - [5] Qualifications and number of the personnel in charge of grading.
3. The technical criteria for certification under Article 14, Paragraph 3 of the Law shall be stipulated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for each type of agricultural and forestry product with regard to the matters listed below:
- [1] Facilities for distribution;
  - [2] Method of implementation of management or control of distribution processes;
  - [3] Qualifications and number of the personnel in charge of management or control of distribution processes;
  - [4] Method of implementation of grading; and
  - [5] Qualifications and number of personnel in charge of grading.

(Inspection Method for Agricultural and Forestry Products)

Article 30 The inspection for agricultural and forestry products in Article 14, Paragraph 4, Item [1] of the Law shall be made as described below:

- [1] Inspection shall be made for each product, or for randomized products, as stipulated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; and
- [2] The ratio of sampling, in the case of inspection based on random sampling, and

criteria for grading relating to inspection shall be as stipulated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in separate public notifications for each type of agricultural and forestry product.

(Inspection Method for Production Processes of Agricultural and Forestry Products)

Article 31 The inspection concerning production processes of agricultural and forestry products in Article 14, Paragraph 4, Item [2] of the Law shall be carried out on the basis of records concerning production that are prepared by the producer of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products, and the results of on-site inspections of fields or places of business, or other inspections, as stipulated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in public notifications for each type of agricultural and forestry products.

(Inspection Method for Agricultural and Forestry Product Distribution Processes)

Article 31-2 The inspection concerning distribution processes of agricultural and forestry products in Article 14, Paragraph 4, Item [3] of the Law shall be carried out on the basis of records concerning distribution that are prepared by the producers of the mentioned agricultural and forestry products, and the results of on-site inspections of facilities related to distribution, as stipulated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in public notifications for each type of agricultural and forestry product.

(Applications for Certification of Re-packers)

Article 32 Applications for the certification in Article 15, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be made by providing a document with the matters listed below to RCBs:

- [1] Name and address of the applicant;
- [2] Type of agricultural and forestry products on which the grading labels are attached;
- [3] Names and locations of places of business where the mentioned agricultural and forestry products are re-packed;
- [4] Matters described in each item of Article 33; and
- [5] Other matters for reference.

(Technical Criteria for the Certification of Re-packers)

Article 33 The technical criteria for certification under Article 15, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be stipulated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for each type of agricultural and forestry products with regard to the matters listed in the following items:

- [1] Facilities for re-packing and attaching the grading label;
- [2] Method of implementation of re-packing;
- [3] Qualifications and number of the personnel in charge of re-packing;
- [4] Organizations and method of implementation of attaching the grading label; and

[5] Qualifications and number of the personnel in charge of attaching the grading label.

(Applications for Certification of Importers)

Article 34 Applications for certification pursuant to Article 15-2, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be made by providing a document with the matters below to RCBs:

- [1] Name and address of the applicant;
- [2] Type of the Specified Agricultural and Forestry Products on which the grading labels are attached;
- [3] Names and locations of places of business which import the mentioned Specified Agricultural and Forestry products;
- [4] Matters described in each item of Article 36; and
- [5] Other matters for reference.

(Matters to be Stated in the Certificate)

Article 35 The matters to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance pursuant to Article 15-2, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be the following:

- [1] Name and address of the entity who has issued the certificate;
- [2] Issuing date of the certificate;
- [3] Type and quantity of the Specified Agricultural and Forestry Products to be certificated;
- [4] Name and address of the overseas organization which has performed the equivalent service to the certification of the Production Process Manager (the Production Process Manager pursuant to Article 14, Paragraph 2 of the Law; hereinafter the same) of the mentioned Specified Agricultural and Forestry products; and
- [5] Statement to the effect that the grading has been conducted on the mentioned Specified Agricultural and Forestry Products.

(Technical Criteria for Certification of Importers)

Article 36 The technical criteria for certification under Article 15-2, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be stipulated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for each type of Specified Agricultural and Forestry products with regard to those listed below:

- [1] Facilities for receiving and storing the imported products;
- [2] Method of implementation of receiving and storing the imported products;
- [3] Qualifications and number of the personnel in charge of receiving and storing the imported products;
- [4] Organizations and implementation method for attaching the grading labels; and
- [5] Qualifications and number of the personnel in charge of attaching the grading label.

(Country with a Grading System Equivalent to the Grading System under Japanese Agricultural Standards Concerning Specified Agricultural and Forestry Products)

Article 37 With respect to organic plants and organic processed foods of plant origin pursuant to Article 40, Item (4), the countries to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance pursuant to Article 15-2, Paragraph 2 of the Law shall be the United States of America, Argentina, Australia, Canada, Switzerland, New Zealand and member states of the European Union.

(Proclamation of Organizations Designated as Quasi-Governmental Organizations by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)

Article 38 The matters to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance under Article 15-2, Paragraph 3 of the Law shall be as listed below, and the proclamation provided under the mentioned Paragraph shall be made in Official Gazettes:

- [1] Name and address of the quasi-governmental overseas organization; and
- [2] Type of the Specified Agricultural and Forestry Product relating to the certificate issued by the quasi-governmental overseas organization.

(Registration for RCBs)

Article 39 When applying for a registration pursuant to Article 16, Paragraph 1 of the Law, a revenue stamp with a value equivalent to the fee payable shall be enclosed with a written application in accordance with Attached Form No.1, which shall be provided to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. Nonetheless, when making an electronic application pursuant to Article 3, Paragraph 1 of the Act Concerning Utilization of Information Communication Technology in Administrative Procedures and Other Procedures (Law No. 151 of 2002) pursuant to the mentioned Paragraph, the fee shall be paid in cash based on the payment information obtained by means of the mentioned application, etc.

2. The written application in the preceding Paragraph shall be accompanied by documents with the matters listed below:

- [1] Articles of association and certificate of registered matters (if the applicant is a corporation established pursuant to overseas laws, documents corresponding to these items);
- [2] Documents including the following items:
  - (a) Matters concerning the RCB department conducting certification operations;
  - (b) Names, brief resumes and scope of operations in charge of staffers, external committee members commissioned by the RCB and other persons engaged in certification operations;
  - (c) Matters concerning the methods used to conduct certification operations, in addition to the matters mentioned in (a) and (b) above;
  - (d) When engaging in operations other than certification operations matters concerning the type, profile and the overall organization of the mentioned

operations; and

(e) Mention of the achievements in certification operations or operations comparable with certification, if any.

[3] Most recent property inventory list or balance sheet;

[4] Documents pertaining to the business plan and income/expenditures budget for the business year containing the date of application;

[5] Documents recording the composition of major shareholders (In cases where the mentioned shareholders are the Certified Business Entities provided for in Article 17-2, Paragraph 1, Item [2] of the Law, include mention to that effect.); and

[6] Documents recording names, brief resumes and scope of operations of executive officers.

#### (Types of Registration for RCBs)

Article 40 The types to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance under Article 16, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be as follows:

[1] Beverages and foods (with the exception of matters listed in Item [4] through [6]);

[2] Tatami facing and raw silk;

[3] General timber, balk lumber, board with wane, plywood (except for the use of airplanes) and flooring;

[4] Naturally grown chickens (Jidoriniku), organic plants, organic processed foods, organic feeds and organic livestock products:

- Organic plants shall be limited to those which comply with the standards stipulated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and be harvested in the fields, including those where chemically synthesized pesticides, fertilizers and soil amendments (except those specified by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries as the use of which is inevitable; referred to as “chemical pesticides, etc.” in this item) have not been used for the period beginning one year before the harvesting of the mentioned agricultural products and ending at the harvest time, and also no use of chemical pesticides is expected to continue without fail after the harvesting of the mentioned agricultural products, where chemical pesticides, etc. are not used for the period beginning two years (in the case of harvests from perennial plants, three years from their harvest) before seeding or planting of the seeds and seedlings used for the production of the mentioned agricultural products and ending at the harvest time of the mentioned agricultural products; hereinafter the same.

- Organic processed foods shall be organic processed foods of plant origin (beverages and foods manufactured or processed with organic plants as raw materials or ingredients and comply with the standards stipulated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries), organic processed foods of animal origin and organic processed foods of plant and animal origin; hereinafter the same.

[5] Beef, pork, agricultural products, processed foods and farm-raised fish with

production information; and  
[6] Processed foods distributed under constant temperature control.

(Entry in the Register)

Article 41 The registration under Article 17-2, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be made by an entry in the register in accordance with Attached Form No.2.

(Overseas Production Process Managers)

Article 42 Article 27 shall apply mutatis mutandis to persons provided by the Ministerial Ordinance as persons who manage or control the production processes of agricultural and forestry products in Article 17-2, Paragraph 1, Item [2] of the Law.

(Overseas Distribution Process Managers)

Article 42-2 Article 28-2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to persons provided by the Ministerial Ordinance as persons who manage or control the distribution processes of agricultural and forestry products in Article 17-2, Paragraph 1, Item [2] of the Law. In this case, “importers” in Article 28-2 Item [3] and Item [6] shall be read as “exporters.”

(Mutatis Mutandis Application of Provisions Concerning Renewal of RCBs)

Article 43 Article 39 shall apply mutatis mutandis to applications for registration renewal pursuant to Article 16, Paragraph 1 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 17-3, Paragraph 2 of the Law, Article 40 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the types to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance under Article 16, Paragraph 1 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 17-3, Paragraph 2 of the Law, and Article 41 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the renewal of registration pursuant to Article 17-2, Paragraph 1 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 17-3, Paragraph 2 of the Law, respectively. In such cases, “Article 17-2, Paragraph 1, Item [2]” in Article 39, Paragraph 2, Item [5] shall be read as “Article 17-2, Paragraph 1, Item [2] of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 17-3, Paragraph 2”.

(Notification of Changes in Matters provided in Attached Documents to Application Forms for RCBs)

Article 44 When there is a change in the matters described in Article 39, Paragraph 2, Item [2] (except (e)), Item [5] or Item [6] (including cases when the provisions of these are applied mutatis mutandis in the preceding Article), RCBs shall provide a notification in accordance with Attached Form No. 3 to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries without delay.

(Notification of Succeeding to RCBs Status)

Article 45 Corporations to make a notification under Article 17-4, Paragraph 2 of the Law shall provide both a document which provides that they have succeeded to the

status of RCBs and a notification form in accordance with Attached Form No. 4 to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

(Criteria for Methods of Business for Certification of RCBs)

Article 46 The Criteria to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance under Article 17-5, Paragraph 2 of the Law shall be as follows;

[1] Criteria concerning methods of implementing certification in Article 14, Paragraph 1 through Paragraph 3, Article 15, Paragraph 1, Article 15-2, Paragraph 1, Article 19-3 and Article 19-4 of the Law:

- (a) When wishing to implement certification, a RCB shall confirm by the documentary examination and on-site inspection that the matters described in each of the respective items of Article 29, Paragraph 1, Paragraph 2 or Paragraph 3 (including cases in which the provisions of these are applied mutatis mutandis in Article 55), each item of Article 33 (including cases in which the provisions of these are applied mutatis mutandis in Article 56), or each item of Article 36 (hereinafter referred to as “Certification Matters” in this Paragraph) for factories, fields, places of business or distribution processes relating to the application for the mentioned certification comply with the technical criteria for certification stipulated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (hereinafter referred to as “Technical criteria for Certification” in this Paragraph) pursuant to Article 29 (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 55), Article 33 (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 56), or Article 36 relating to the person who made the mentioned application (hereinafter referred to as “Applicant” in this Item);
- (b) When the Applicant is a Manufacturer, etc. (a Manufacturer, etc., in Article 14, Paragraph 1 of the Law; hereinafter the same) or an Overseas Manufacturer, etc. (an Overseas Manufacturer, etc., in Article 17-2, Paragraph 1 item [2] of the Law; hereinafter the same) of agricultural and forestry products (limited to those for which Japanese Agricultural Standards relating to the criteria described in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item [1] of the Law are stipulated), a RCB shall confirm, in accordance with a method of measurement stipulated in the relevant Japanese Agricultural Standard, that the agricultural and forestry products which the mentioned Applicant wishes to manufacture, import or sell and which are representative of the production processes for agricultural and forestry products of the type relating to the mentioned application (limited to those selected at random) comply with the Japanese Agricultural Standard relating to the mentioned type of agricultural and forestry product, and, based on the results thereof, the confirmation in (a) above or other measures shall be taken whenever necessary;
- (c) If the Applicant (in the case of a legal persons the applicant or the officer who carries out the business thereof, or, in the case of an unincorporated association or foundation which has a rule for representative or manager, the applicant or the

mentioned representative or manager) falls under any of the following, certification shall not be made:

- (1) A person who has violated Article 14, Paragraph 6 or 7 (including cases in which the provisions of these are applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-6, Paragraph 1 of the Law), Article 18 or Article 19 of the Law, violated an order to remove or delete grading labels pursuant to Article 19-2 of the Law, failed to submit a report or materials under the Article 20, Paragraph 2 of the Law or submitted a false report or false materials, or refused, impeded or avoid an inspection pursuant to the mentioned Paragraph or Article 20-2, Paragraph 2 of the Law or failed to answer or answered a false answer to the question based on these provisions, and has consequently been punished with a fine or more severe penalty, when 1 year has not yet passed since the end of execution thereof or the date on which the mentioned execution has ceased to be applied;
  - (2) A person whose certification in Article 14, Paragraph 1 through Paragraph 3, Article 15, Paragraph 1, Article 15-2, Paragraph 1, Article 19-3 or Article 19-4 of the Law has been cancelled, when 1 year has not yet passed since the date of the mentioned cancellation;
  - (3) A person who, within 30 days before the cancellation of certification in Article 14, Paragraph 1 through Paragraph 3, Article 15, Paragraph 1, Article 15-2, Paragraph 1, Article 19-3 or Article 19-4 of the Law, was an officer (or, in the case of an unincorporated association or foundation which has a rule for representative or manager, the mentioned representative or manager) who carried out the business of the person (limited to a legal person or unincorporated association or foundation which has a rule for representative or manager) relating to the mentioned cancellation, when 1 year has not yet passed since the date of the mentioned cancellation.
- (d) When conducting certification, appropriate conditions including the following matters shall be applied:
- (1) Manufacturers, etc., Production Process Managers, Distribution Process Managers (Distribution Process Managers as described in Article 14, Paragraph 3 of the Law; hereinafter the same), Re-packers (Re-packers as described in Article 15, Paragraph 1 of the Law; hereinafter the same), Overseas Manufacturers, etc., Overseas Production Process Managers (Overseas Production Process Managers as described in Article 17-2, Paragraph 1, Item [2] of the Law; hereinafter the same), Overseas Distribution Process Managers (Overseas Distribution Process Managers as described in Article 17-2, Paragraph 1, Item [2] of the Law; hereinafter the same) or Overseas Re-packers (meaning Overseas Re-packers as described in Article 17-2, Paragraph 1, Item [2] of the Law; hereinafter the same) relating to certification (hereinafter referred to collectively as “Certified Business Entity” in this Paragraph) shall maintain their compliance with technical criteria for certification;



- (2) The Certified Business Entity shall observe the provisions of Article 14, Paragraphs 6 and 7, Article 18 and Article 19 of the Law;
- (3) The Certified Business Entity shall not violate an order of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries pursuant to Article 19-2 of the Law, fail to submit a report or materials pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 2 of the Law or submit a false report or false materials, or refuse, impede or avoid an inspection pursuant to the mentioned Paragraph or Article 20-2, Paragraph 2 of the Law or failed to answer or answered a false answer to the question based on these provisions;
- (4) The Certified Business Entity shall, when changing its name, address or certified matters, or to discontinue business related to grading (or, in the case of Re-packers, Importers of Specified Agricultural and Forestry Products (limited to persons who have been certified under Article 15-2, Paragraph 1 of the Law; hereinafter the same in (10) and Article 47, Paragraph 1, Item [2]), or Overseas Re-packers, business related to grading labels; hereafter the same in this Paragraph and in Article 47, Paragraph 3), notify the RCB to that effect in advance;
- (5) The Certified Business Entity shall, when advertising or labeling that it have been certified, ensure not to mislead that it have been certified by the RCB for products other than the agricultural and forestry products relating to the mentioned certification, or not to mislead concerning the content of inspection for certification by the RCB, or the content of other business related to certification;
- (6) The Certified Business Entity shall not, when advertising or labeling that it have been certified, do so with any other purpose other than that of indicating that the types of agricultural and forestry products relating to the certification have complied with the Japanese Agricultural Standards relating to the mentioned types of agricultural and forestry products;
- (7) The Certified Business Entity shall, when the RCB judges that (5) or (6) has been violated and requests that the Certified Business Entity improves its method of advertising or labeling, or ceases advertising or labeling, comply with the mentioned request;
- (8) The Certified Business Entity shall, when providing information concerning its certification, grading, or labels of grading to third parties, make efforts to ensure that it does not cause misunderstanding that it have been certified from the RCB for products other than the type of agricultural and forestry products relating to the mentioned certification, or cause misunderstanding concerning the content of the examination for certification by a RCB, or the content of other business related to certification, besides those stipulated in (5) and (6) above;
- (9) The Certified Business Entity shall cooperate with inspection conducted by the RCB periodically or whenever necessary to confirm that the conditions in (1) are observed;

- (10) The results of grading in the preceding business year (or, in case of Re-packers, Importers of Specified Agricultural and Forestry Products, and Overseas Re-packers, the results of labels of grading) shall be reported to the RCB by the last day of June every year;
- (11) The RCB may, when necessary in order to confirm that the business related to grading undertaken by the Certified Business Entity is being conducted properly, or to confirm that the conditions in (5), (6) or (8) are observed, request to submit necessary reports or materials concerning the business of Certified Business Entity, or step in factories, fields, offices, places of business, warehouses or other places relating to the certification, and have its employees inspect grading or labels of grading, advertising or labeling relating to agricultural and forestry products, its raw materials, books, documents and other properties or ask its employee or other related people questions;
- (12) The RCB may, when Certified Business Entity has violated the conditions described in (1) to (10) above, failed to make the report in (11) above or made a false report, or refused, impeded or avoided an inspection in (11) above, cancel its certification, or request that the mentioned Certified Business Entity discontinues the business related to grading as well as shipments of agricultural and forestry products to which labels of grading are attached;
- (13) The RCB shall, when Certified Business Entity fails to comply with the request in (12) above, cancel its certification; and
- (14) Public announcement shall be made of name and address of the Certified Business Entity, the types of agricultural and forestry products relating to certification, the names and locations of factories, fields or places of business relating to certification, or, the distribution process and the name and address of the Producer, etc. in the mentioned distribution process and the date of that certification, and, in cases when a request has been made pursuant to “(12)” above or when that certification has been cancelled, the date of the mentioned request or cancellation and the reason for the mentioned request or cancellation, or, upon discontinuation of business related to the grading, the date of the mentioned discontinuation.
- (e) Besides those stipulated in (a) to (d) above, the certification business shall be conducted in accordance with a method that complies with criteria concerning organizations that certify products stipulated by the International Organization for Standardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission.
- [2] Criteria concerning the confirmation of certified matters
- (a) When notified by a Certified Business Entity that it wishes to change the certified matters, the RCB shall confirm without delay that the certified matters after the mentioned change comply with the technical criteria for certification;
- (b) Besides the case in (a) above, when the RCB knows that a Certified Business Entity has changed the certified matters, it shall confirm without delay that the

certified matters after the mentioned change comply with the technical criteria for certification;

(c) that the RCB shall confirm, within a period provided by a public notification of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for each type of agricultural and forestry products starting from the date on which the Certified Business Entity was certified or the date on which it was confirmed that the certified matters relating to the mentioned Certified Business Entity complies with the technical criteria for certification (except the day on which the confirmation in (a), (b) or (d) was made), that the certified matters relating to the mentioned Certified Business Entity complies with the technical criteria for certification.

(d) Besides those stipulated in (a) to (c) above, the RCB shall confirm without delay, if the certified matters relating to the Certified Business Entity may not comply with the technical criteria for certification, that the certified matters relating to the mentioned Certified Business Entity complies with the technical criteria for certification.

(e) The confirmation in (a) to (d) above shall be made in accordance with a method that complies with the criteria in (a) and (b) of the preceding Item, except for the confirmation in (a) or (b), it may be possible to omit the on-site inspection in (a) of the mentioned Item and the confirmation in (b) of the mentioned Item when, as a result of the documentary examination in (a) of the mentioned Item, it is judged that the certified matters relating to the mentioned Certified Business Entity complies with the technical criteria for certification;

(f) Besides those stipulated in (a) to (e) above, confirmation of certified matters shall made in accordance with a method that complies with criteria concerning organizations that certify products stipulated by the International Organization for Standardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission.

[3] Criteria for the method of canceling the certification of a Certified Business Entity and implementing other measures:

(a) When the certified matters relating to a Certified Business Entity no longer comply with the technical criteria for certification (except when falling under (f) (1) above), or it is judged that it will be highly likely cease to comply with the same, the mentioned Certified Business Entity shall be requested to take necessary measures to comply with the mentioned technical criteria for certification;

(b) When a Certified Business Entity has violated the provisions of Article 14, Paragraph 6 or 7, Article 18 or Article 19 of the Law (except when falling under (f) (2) above), the mentioned Certified Business Entity shall be requested to take necessary measures improve of its grading business;

(c) When a Certified Business Entity has violated the conditions in Item [1] (d) (5) or (6) above, the mentioned Certified Business Entity shall be requested to improve its method of advertising or labeling, or cease advertising or labeling.

(d) When making a request to a Certified Business Entity pursuant to (a) to (c) above,

and when it is anticipated that the mentioned Certified Business Entity will require a considerable period of time to take the measures relating to the mentioned request, the mentioned Certified Business Entity shall be requested to discontinue the business related to grading (limited to that relating to the mentioned request) as well as shipments of agricultural and forestry products to which grading labels are attached (limited to types of agricultural and forestry products relating to the mentioned request) during the time until the mentioned Certified Business Entity takes the measures relating to the mentioned request, except that when it is anticipated that the mentioned Certified Business Entity will require more than 1 year to take the measures relating to the request under the provisions of (a) to (c) above, its certification may be cancelled irrespective of the provisions of (a) to (c) above.

- (e) When a Certified Business Entity has, without justifiable reasons, failed to submit the report or materials in Item [1] (d) (11) or submitted a false report or false materials, or refused, impeded or avoided the inspection in (d) (11) of the mentioned Item or failed to answer or answered a false answer to the question in (d) (11) of the mentioned Item, the mentioned Certified Business shall be requested to discontinue the grading business, as well as shipments of agricultural and forestry products to which grading labels are attached, during the time until the mentioned Certified Business Entity make accurate reports, or the mentioned Certified Business Entity comply with the mentioned inspection and the mentioned inspection is complete.
- (f) When a Certified Business Entity falls under any of the following, its certification shall be cancelled:
  - (1) When the certified matters relating to the Certified Business Entity no longer comply with the technical criteria for certification, and when it cannot be it will be likely to comply with the mentioned technical criteria for certification;
  - (2) When the Certified Business Entity has violated the provisions of Article 14, Paragraph 6 or 7, Article 18 or Article 19 of the Law, and when the mentioned violation is due to the willful intent or gross negligence of the mentioned Certified Business Entity;
  - (3) When the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has requested that a RCB cancels the certification of a Certified Business Entity certified by the mentioned RCB, on grounds that the mentioned Certified Business Entity has without justifiable reason, violated an order pursuant to Article 19-2 of the Law, failed to submit a report or materials pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 2 of the Law or submitted a false report or false materials, or refused, impeded or avoided an inspection under the provisions of the mentioned Paragraph or Article 20-2, Paragraph 2 of the Law or failed to answer or answered a false answer to the question based on these provisions;
  - (4) When the Certified Business Entity has without justifiable reason, refused to

comply with a request pursuant to (d) or (e) above.

- (g) Besides those stipulated in (a) to (e) above, when Certified Business Entity has violated the conditions for certification and, despite receiving appropriate guidance, fails to comply with the mentioned guidance, the certification shall be cancelled or other appropriate measures shall be taken;
- (h) When canceling the certification of the Certified Business, the mentioned Certified Business Entity shall be notified no less than 1 week in advance, and shall have an opportunity to explain;
- (i) Besides those stipulated in (a) to (h) above, the certification of Certified Businesses Entity shall be cancelled and other measures shall be taken in accordance with a method that complies with criteria concerning organizations that certify products stipulated by the International Organization for Standardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission.

[4] Criteria concerning a public announcement relating to the certification of Certified Business Entity, etc.

(a) When a Business Entity has been certified, the following matters (or, when these matters have been changed, the matters following the change) shall be available to the public in its office without delay, and these matters (or, when these matters have been changed, the matters following the change) shall also be provided by the Internet or other appropriate methods:

- (1) Name and address of the person who has been certified;
- (2) Type of agricultural and forestry products relating to the certification;
- (3) Names and locations of factories, fields or places of business relating to the certification, the distribution process and the names and addresses of the Producers, etc. in the mentioned distribution process; and
- (4) Date of the certification.

(b) When a Certified Business Entity is requested pursuant to (d) or (e) of the preceding Item, the following matters shall be available to the public in its office without delay, and these matters shall also be provided using the Internet or other appropriate methods:

- (1) Name and address of the Certified Business Entity relating to the request;
- (2) Type of agricultural and forestry products relating to the request (or, when the request relates to all agricultural and forestry products relating to the certification of the mentioned Certified Business Entity, that fact), and the fact that it has requested to discontinue the business related to grading as well as shipments of agricultural and forestry products to which labels of grading are attached;
- (3) Names and locations of factories, fields or places of business relating to the request, the distribution process and the names and addresses of the Producers, etc. in the mentioned distribution process;
- (4) Date of the request; and

(5) Reasons for the request.

(c) When a Certified Business Entity has discontinued the grading business, the following matters shall be available to the public in its offices without delay, and these matters shall also be provided using the Internet or other appropriate methods:

(1) Name and address of the Certified Business Entity relating to the discontinuation;

(2) Type of agricultural and forestry products relating to the discontinuation;

(3) Names and locations of factories, fields or places of business relating to the discontinuation, the distribution process and the names and addresses of the Producers, etc. in the mentioned distribution process; and

(4) Date of the discontinuation.

(d) When a certification has been cancelled, the following matters shall be available to the public in its office without delay, and these matters shall also be provided by the Internet or other appropriate methods:

(1) Name and address of the Certified Business Entity relating to the cancellation;

(2) Type of agricultural and forestry products relating to the cancelled certification;

(3) Names and locations of factories, fields or places of business relating to the cancellation, the distribution process and the names and addresses of the Producers, etc. in the mentioned distribution process;

(4) Date of the cancellation; and

(5) Reasons for the cancellation.

(e) The disclosure of information listed in (a) to (d) above shall be made for the periods of time stipulated in accordance with the categories listed below:

(1) Disclosure of information described in (a)

The period from the date of certification until the date of discontinuation of business related to grading by the Certified Business Entities relating to the mentioned certification, or the date of cancellation of certification of the Certified Business Entities relating to the mentioned certification;

(2) Disclosure of information described in (b)

The period of discontinuation of the business related to grading, and of shipments of agricultural and forestry products to which labels of grading are attached, pursuant to (d) or (e) of the preceding Item; and

(3) Disclosure of information described in (c) or (d)

A period of one-year from the date of discontinuation of business related to grading by the Certified Business Entity, or the date of cancellation of certification.

2. RCBs may, when conducting certification of Manufacturers, etc., or Overseas Manufacturers, etc., of agricultural and forestry products for which methods of inspection are stipulated in Article 30 (including cases applied *mutatis mutandis* in Article 57) and for which the mentioned inspection is conducting individually (limited

to those stipulated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries), or other business related to certification, conduct business related to the mentioned certification as stipulated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in separate public notification for each type of agricultural and forestry product, irrespective of the provisions of Item [1] (a), (b) and (d), Item [2] (a) to (e), Item [3] (a) to (f), and Item [4] of the preceding Paragraph.

(Reports of Certification, etc., by RCB)

Article 47 When a RCB has certified under Paragraph 14, Paragraph 1 through Paragraph 3, Article 15, Paragraph 1, Article 15-2, Paragraph 1, Article 19-3 or Article 19-4 of the Law (except certification carried out under a public notification in Paragraph 2 of the preceding Article; hereinafter the same in Paragraph 3 below), it shall provide a report in accordance with Attached Form No. 5, stating the matters listed below, to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries without delay:

- [1] Names and addresses of persons relating to the mentioned certification;
- [2] Whether the person relating to the mentioned certification is a Manufacturer, etc. (limited to persons relating to certification in Article 14, Paragraph 1 of the Law), Production Process Manager, Distribution Process Manager, Re-packer, Importer of Specified Agricultural and Forestry Products, Overseas Manufacturers, etc., Overseas Production Process Manager, Overseas Distribution Process Manager or Overseas Re-packer;
- [3] Type of agricultural and forestry products relating to the mentioned certification;
- [4] Names and locations of factories, fields or places of business relating to the mentioned certification, the distribution process and the names and addresses of the Producers, etc. in the mentioned distribution process; and
- [5] Date of the mentioned certification.

2. When a RCB has made a request pursuant to Paragraph 1, Item [3] (d) or (e) of the preceding Article, it shall provide a report in accordance with Attached Form No. 6, stating the matters listed below, to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries without delay:

- [1] Names and addresses of persons relating to the mentioned request;
- [2] Type of agricultural and forestry products relating to the mentioned request;
- [3] Names and locations of factories, fields or places of business relating to the mentioned request, the distribution process and the names and addresses of the Producers, etc. in the mentioned distribution process;
- [4] Date of the mentioned request; and
- [5] Reason for the mentioned request.

3. A RCB shall, when a Manufacturer, etc., Production Process Manager, Distribution Process Manager, Re-packer, Overseas Manufacturer, etc., Overseas Production Process Manager or Overseas Re-packer relating to certification by it (referred to collectively as “Certified Business Entity” in the following Paragraph) has

discontinued business related to grading, provide a report in accordance with Attached Form No. 7, stating the matters listed below to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries without delay:

- [1] Names and addresses of persons relating to the mentioned discontinuation;
- [2] Type of agricultural and forestry products relating to the mentioned discontinuation;
- [3] Names and locations of factories, fields or places of business relating to the mentioned discontinuation, the distribution process and the names and addresses of the Producers, etc. in the mentioned distribution process; and
- [4] Date of the mentioned discontinuation.

4. When a RCB has cancelled the certification of a Certified Business Entity, the RCB shall provide a report in accordance with Attached Form No. 8, stating the matters listed below to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries without delay:

- [1] Names and addresses of persons relating to the mentioned cancellation;
- [2] Type of agricultural and forestry products relating to the mentioned cancellation;
- [3] Names and locations of factories, fields or places of business relating to the mentioned cancellation, the distribution process and the names and addresses of the Producers, etc. in the mentioned distribution process;
- [4] Date of the mentioned cancellation; and
- [5] Reason for the mentioned cancellation.

5. Reports to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the names, addresses and other matters of persons who have been certified, carried out as provided by a public notification in Paragraph 2 of the preceding Article, shall be made in the manner separately stipulated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

(Notification of Change of Place of Business of RCB)

Article 48 When making a notification pursuant to Article 17-6, Paragraph 1 of the Law, the RCB shall provide a notification in accordance with Attached Form No. 9 to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

(Business Operating Rules of RCB)

Article 49 When making a notification of Business Operating Rules under the provisions of the former part of Article 17-7, Paragraph 1 of the Law, the RCB shall provide original and duplicate notifications in accordance with Attached Form No. 10 to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

2. The provisions of the preceding Paragraph shall apply mutatis mutandis to the notification of changes in the Business Operating Rules pursuant to the latter part of Article 17-7, Paragraph 1 of the Law.
3. The matters to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance under Article 17-7, Paragraph 2 of the Law shall be as follows:



- [1] Matters relating to the location of the place of business, and the area where business related to certification is carried out at the place of business;
- [2] Type of agricultural and forestry products to be covered by the certification (or, if the certification covers only some of the agricultural and forestry products included in the mentioned type, the kind of agricultural and forestry products);
- [3] Matters relating to the hours in which the certification business is conducted, and holidays;
- [4] Matters relating to the method of implementing certification, the method of implementing cancellation of certification, and methods of implementing other business related to certification;
- [5] Matters relating to the calculation of fees related to certification;
- [6] Matters relating to organizations that conduct certification business;
- [7] Matters relating to the duties of persons who conduct certification business;
- [8] Matters necessary for fair implementation of certification business; and
- [9] Other necessary matters relating to certification business.

(Notification of Suspension or Abolition of Operations of RCB)

Article 50 When making a notification pursuant to Article 17-8, Paragraph 1 of the Law, the RCB shall provide a notification in accordance with Attached Form No. 11 to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

(Methods of Displaying Matters Recorded in Electro-Magnetic Records, etc.)

Article 51 The method to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance under Article 17-9, Paragraph 2, Item [3] of the Law shall be the method of displaying matters in electro-magnetic records on paper or on the monitor screen of an output device.

2. The electro-magnetic method to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance under Article 17-9, Paragraph 2, Item [4] of the Law shall be a method stipulated by the RCB from among those listed below:

- [1] A method that uses an electronic data processing organization to connect a computer in use by the transmitting party to a computer in use by the receiving party via telecommunication lines, whereby data are transmitted via the mentioned telecommunication lines and are recorded in a file set up on the computer relating to use by the receiving party; and
- [2] A method of issuing data recorded on a file prepared using a magnetic disk or other equivalent medium on which a fixed volume of data can be recorded reliably.

(Book keeping of RCB)

Article 52 A RCB shall retain books with the matters in the following paragraph for each kind of agricultural and forestry product.

2. The matters to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance under Article 17-13 of the Law shall be as follows:

- [1] Name and address of the person who has made an application for the certification;
  - [2] Whether the person who applied for certification is a Manufacturer, etc. (limited to persons who wish to be certified under Article 14, Paragraph 1 of the Law), Production Process Manager, Distribution Process Manager, Re-packer, Importer of Specified Agricultural and Forestry Products (limited to persons who wish to be certified under Article 15-2, Paragraph 1 of the Law), Overseas Manufacturer, etc., Overseas Production Process Manager, Overseas Distribution Process Manager or Overseas Re-packer;
  - [3] Date of receipt of the application for certification;
  - [4] Type of agricultural and forestry products relating to the application of certification;
  - [5] Names and locations of factories, fields or places of business relating to the certification, the distribution process and the names and addresses of the Producers, etc. in the mentioned distribution process;
  - [6] Date of decision whether to certify or not;
  - [7] Results of the decision under the preceding item; and
  - [8] Name of the person engaged in the certification.
3. The books in Paragraph 1 above shall be retained for 5 years from the last date of booking.

(Application for Certification by Overseas Manufacturers, etc.)

Article 53 Article 25 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the application for certification under Article 19-3, Paragraph 1 of the Law. In this case, “RCB” in Article 25 shall be read as “RCB or Registered Overseas Certifying Body (hereinafter referred to as ROCB)”, and “each item of Article 29, Paragraph 1” in Item [4] of the mentioned Article shall be read as “each item of Article 29, Paragraph 1 as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 55.”

(Application for Certification of Overseas Production Process Managers)

Article 54 Article 28 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the application for certification under Article 19-3, Paragraph 2 of the Law. In this case, “RCB” in Article 28 shall be read as “RCB or ROCB”, and “each item of Article 29, Paragraph 2” in Item [4] of the mentioned Article shall be read as “each item of Article 29, Paragraph 2 as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 55”.

(Application for Certification of Overseas Distribution Process Managers)

Article 54-2 Article 28-3 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the application for certification under Article 19-3, Paragraph 3 of the Law. In this case, the “RCB” in Article 28-3 shall be read as “RCB or ROCB”, and “each item of Article 29, Paragraph 3” in Item [5] of the mentioned Article shall be read as “each item of Article 29, Paragraph 3 as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 55”.

(Technical Criteria for Certification of Overseas Manufacturers, etc.)

Article 55 Article 29 shall apply mutatis mutandis to certification under Article 19-3 of the Law.

(Mutatis Mutandis Application Relating to Certification of Overseas Re-packers)

Article 56 Article 32 and Article 33 shall apply mutatis mutandis to certification under Article 19-4 of the Law. In this case, “RCB” in Article 32 shall be read as “RCB or ROCB”, and “each item of Article 33” in Item [4] of the mentioned Article shall be read as “each item of Article 33 as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 56”.

(Mutatis Mutandis Application Relating to the Method of Inspection of Agricultural and Forestry Products Carried Out by Overseas Manufacturers, etc.)

Article 57 Article 30 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the inspections in Article 14, Paragraph 4, Item [1] of the Law applied mutatis mutandis to Article 19-6, Paragraph 1 of the Law; Article 31 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the inspections in Article 14, Paragraph 4, Item [2] of the Law applied mutatis mutandis to Article 19-6, Paragraph 1 of the Law; and Article 31-2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the inspections in Article 14, Paragraph 4, Item [3] of the Law applied mutatis mutandis to Article 19-6, Paragraph 1 of the Law.

(Proclamation of Overseas Manufacturers, etc.)

Article 58 On receiving a report pursuant to Article 47, Paragraph 1 (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 66), the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall proclaim in Official Gazettes the matters described in Items [1] and [3] to [5] of the mentioned Paragraph relating to Overseas Manufacturers, etc., Overseas Production Process Managers, Overseas Distribution Process Manager or Overseas Re-packers relating to the mentioned report.

2. On receiving a report pursuant to Article 47, Paragraph 2 (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 66), the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall proclaim in Official Gazettes the matters described in each item of the mentioned Paragraph relating to Overseas Manufacturers, etc., Overseas Production Process Managers, Overseas Distribution Process Manager or Overseas Re-packers relating to the mentioned report.

3. On receiving a report pursuant to Article 47, Paragraph 3 (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 66), the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall proclaim in Official Gazettes the matters described in each item of the mentioned Paragraph relating to Overseas Manufacturers, etc., Overseas Production Process Managers, Overseas Distribution Process Manager or Overseas Re-packers relating to mentioned report.

4. On receiving a report pursuant to Article 47, Paragraph 4 (including cases applied

mutatis mutandis in Article 66), the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall proclaim in Official Gazettes the matters described in each item of the mentioned Paragraph relating to Overseas Manufacturers, etc., Overseas Production Process Managers, Overseas Distribution Process Manager or Overseas Re-packers relating to the mentioned report.

5. Proclamation of matters relating to reports pursuant to Article 47, Paragraph 5 (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 66) shall be made in a manner stipulated separately by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

(Mutatis Mutandis Application Relating to the ROCB Registration)

Article 59 Article 39 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the application for registration under Article 19-8 of the Law, Article 40 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the type to be provided by a Ministerial Ordinance under Article 19-8 of the Law, and Article 41 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the registration under Article 17-2, Paragraph 1 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-10 of the Law, respectively. In these cases, “Article 17-2, Paragraph 1, Item [2]” in Article 39, Paragraph 2, Item [5] shall be read as “Article 17-2, Paragraph 1, Item [2] of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-10.”

(Details of Calculation of the Traveling Expenses Relating to the ROCB Registration)

Article 60 The traveling expenses pursuant to Article 6, Paragraph 2 of the Enforcement for the Law Concerning Standardization, etc. of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Government Ordinance No. 291 of 1951; hereinafter referred to as “the Government Ordinance”) shall be calculated from the details concerning the following items:

- [1] The location of the office from which officials travel to the site in question for inspection of registration, as pursuant to Article 2, Paragraph 1, Item [6] of the Law Concerning Traveling Expenses of National Public Employees (Law No. 114 of 1950; hereinafter referred to as “the Traveling Expense Law”), shall be 2-1, Kasumigaseki 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo;
- [2] The preparation allowance in Article 6, Paragraph 1 of the Traveling Expense Law shall not be included in the amount of traveling expenses;
- [3] The number of days on which the inspection for registration is conducted shall be calculated as 1 day;
- [4] The traveling sundry expenses under Article 6, Paragraph 1 of the Traveling Expense Law shall be 10,000 yen; and
- [5] When the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has adjusted traveling expenses pursuant to Article 46, Paragraph 1 of the Traveling Expense Law, the amount equivalent to parts that are unpaid following the mentioned adjustment shall not be included.

(Details of Calculation of the Traveling Expenses Relating to Inspection at the Offices, etc., of ROCB)

Article 61 The preceding Article shall apply mutatis mutandis to the calculation of the amount of traveling expenses pursuant to Article 7 of the Government Ordinance. In this case, “the inspection for registration” in Item [1] of the preceding Article shall be read as “inspection”, “inspection of registration” in Item [3] of the mentioned Article shall be read as “inspection”, and “1 day” in the mentioned Item shall be read as “3 days”.

(Mutatis Mutandis Application Relating to the Renewal of ROCB)

Article 62 Article 39 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the application for renewal of registration under 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, Article 40 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the type to be provided by a Ministerial Ordinance under 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, Article 41 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the renewal of registration provided under Article 17-2, 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, and Article 60 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the calculation of the amount of traveling expenses pursuant to Article 6, Paragraph 2 of the Government Ordinance as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 9, Paragraph 2 of the Government Ordinance, respectively. In these cases, “Article 17-2, Paragraph 1, Item [2]” in Article 39, Paragraph 2, Item [5] shall be read as “Article 17-2, Paragraph 1, Item [2] of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 17-3, Paragraph 2 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-10”, and “registration” in Article 60, Items [1] and [3] shall be read as “registration renewal”.

(Notification of Changes in Matters Stated in Documents Attached to Application Forms for ROCB)

Article 63 Article 44 shall apply mutatis mutandis to changes in the matters stated in the documents attached to application forms for ROCBs. In this case, “Article 39, Paragraph 2, Item [2]” in the mentioned Article shall be read as “Article 39, Paragraph 2, Item [2] as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 59”, and “or Item [6] (including cases when the provisions of these are applied mutatis mutandis in the preceding Article)” in the mentioned Article shall be read as “or Item [6], or Article 39, Paragraph 2, Item [2] (except (e), Item [5] or Item [6] as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 62”.

(Notification of Succession to Status of a ROCB)

Article 64 Article 45 shall apply mutatis mutandis to a notification pursuant to Article 17-4, Paragraph 2 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-10 of the Law.

(Criteria Concerning Methods of Business Related to the Certification of ROCB)

Article 65 Article 46 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the criteria to be provided by a Ministerial Ordinance under Article 17-5, Paragraph 2 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-10 of the Law. In this case, “Article 14, Paragraph 1 through Paragraph 3, Article 15, Paragraph 1, Article 15-2, Paragraph 1, Article 19-3” in Article 46, Paragraphs 1, Item [1] shall be read as “Article 19-3”, “and Article 19” in (d) (2) of the mentioned Item shall be read as “Article 19 and Article 19-5 of the Law, Article 14, Paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-6, Paragraph 1 of the Law, and Article 19 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-6, Paragraph 3”, “Article 19-2” in (d) (3) of the mentioned Item shall be read as “Article 19-2 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-6, Paragraph 3”, “violate an order of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries pursuant to Article 19-2 of the Law, fail to submit a report or materials pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 2 of the Law or submit a false report or false materials, or refuse, impede or avoid an inspection pursuant to the mentioned Paragraph or Article 20-2, Paragraph 2 or failed to answer or answered a false answer to the question based on these provisions” in (d) (2) of the mentioned Item shall be read as “refuse a request of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries pursuant to Article 19-2”, “or Article 19” in Item [3] (b) and (f) (2) of the mentioned Paragraph shall be read as “, Article 19 or Article 19-5 of the Law, Article 14, Paragraph 6 or 7 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-6, Paragraph 1 of the Law, or Article 19 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-6, Paragraph 3”, and “violated an order pursuant to Article 19-2 of the Law, failed to submit a report or materials pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 2 of the Law or submitted a false report or false materials, or refused, impeded or avoided an inspection pursuant to mentioned Paragraph or Article 20-2, Paragraph 2 or failed to answer or answered a false answer to the question based on these provisions” in (f) (3) of the mentioned Item shall be read as “failed to comply with a request pursuant to Article 19-2 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-6, Paragraph 3”.

(Report of Certification, etc., by ROCB)

Article 66 Article 47 shall apply mutatis mutandis to reports pursuant to Article 17-5, Paragraph 3 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-10 of the Law. In this case, “Paragraph 2 of the preceding Article” in Article 47, Paragraph 1 shall be read as “Article 46, Paragraph 2 as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 65”, “Paragraph 1, Item [3] (d) of the preceding Article” in Paragraph 2 of the mentioned Article shall be read as “Article 46, Paragraph 1, Item [3] (d) as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 65”, and “Paragraph 2 of the preceding Article” in Paragraph 5 of the mentioned Article shall be read as “Article 46, Paragraph 2 as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 65”.

(Notification of Change of ROCB Office)

Article 67 Article 48 shall apply mutatis mutandis to notifications pursuant to Article 17-6, Paragraph 1 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-10 of the Law.

(Business Operating Rules of ROCB)

Article 68 Article 49, Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to notifications pursuant to Article 17-7, Paragraph 1 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-10 of the Law, and Article 49, Paragraph 3 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the matters to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance under Article 17-7, Paragraph 2 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-10 of the Law, respectively.

(Notification of Suspension or Discontinuation of Business of ROCB)

Article 69 Article 50 shall apply mutatis mutandis to a notification pursuant to Article 17-8, Paragraph 1 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-10 of the Law.

(Methods of Indicating Matters Recorded in Electro-Magnetic Records, etc.)

Article 70 Article 51, Paragraph 1 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the method to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance under Article 17-9, Paragraph 2, Item [3] of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-10 of the Law, and Article 51, Paragraph 2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the electro-magnetic method to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries under Article 17-9, Paragraph 2, Item [4] of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-10 of the Law, respectively.

(Book Keeping of ROCB)

Article 71 Article 52 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the entry of books pursuant to Article 17-13 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 19-10 of the Law.

(Agricultural and Forestry Products Subject to Removal of Grading Labels, etc.)

Article 72 The agricultural and forestry products to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance under Article 19-12 of the Law shall be those listed in the left columns of the Table below, and the reasons to be provided by the Ministerial Ordinance under the same Article corresponding to the mentioned agricultural and forestry products shall be those described in the right hand columns of the mentioned Table.

Organic plants	1. The chemicals, additives or other substances other than provided by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries are used or mixed in the agricultural and forestry product 2. Mixture with the agricultural and forestry
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	products other than described in the left column
Organic processed foods of plant origin	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The chemicals, additives or other substances other than provided by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries are used or mixed in the agricultural and forestry product.</li> <li>2. Mixture with the agricultural and forestry products other than described in the left column</li> </ol>
Organic feeds	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The chemicals, additives or other substances other than provided by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries are used or mixed in the agricultural and forestry product.</li> <li>2. Mixture with the agricultural and forestry products other than described in the left column</li> </ol>
Organic livestock products	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The chemicals, additives or other substances other than provided by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries are used or mixed in the agricultural and forestry product.</li> <li>2. Mixture with the agricultural and forestry products other than described in the left column</li> </ol>
Beef with the production information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Termination of providing the production information</li> <li>2. The information provided for the mentioned beef proved to be unfounded</li> <li>3. The information provided for the mentioned beef revealed to be untrue to the fact</li> <li>4. Mixture with the agricultural and forestry products other than described in the left column</li> </ol>
Pork with the production information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Termination of providing the production information</li> <li>2. The information provided for the mentioned pork proved to be unfounded</li> <li>3. The information provided for the mentioned pork revealed to be untrue to the fact</li> <li>4. Mixture with the agricultural and forestry products other than described in the left column</li> </ol>
Agricultural products with the production information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Termination of providing the production information (proportion of reducing chemically synthesized pesticide, in case of agricultural product with information for proportion of reducing fertilizer either proportion of reducing</li> </ol>



	<p>chemically synthesized pesticide or chemically synthesized fertilizer shall be provided together with production information, the same shall apply in this paragraph)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The information provided for the mentioned agricultural products proved to be unfounded</li> <li>3. The information provided for the mentioned agricultural products revealed to be untrue to the fact</li> <li>4. Mixture with the agricultural and forestry products other than described in the left column</li> </ol>
Processed foods with the production information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Termination of providing the production information</li> <li>2. The information provided for the mentioned processed foods proved to be unfounded</li> <li>3. The information provided for the mentioned processed foods revealed to be untrue to the fact</li> <li>4. Mixture with the agricultural and forestry products other than described in the left column</li> </ol>
Farm-raised fish with the production information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Termination of providing the production information</li> <li>2. The information provided for the mentioned farm-raised fish proved to be unfounded.</li> <li>3. The information provided for the mentioned farm-raised fish revealed to be untrue to the fact</li> <li>4. Mixture with the agricultural and forestry products other than described in the left column</li> </ol>
Processed foods distributed under constant temperature control	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It proved that constant temperature control was not exercised over the distribution process</li> <li>2. Mixture with the agricultural and forestry products other than described in the left column</li> </ol>

(Certification indicating Identity of Staffers Performing On-Site Inspections and Asking Questions Pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 1 through Paragraph 3 of the Law)

Article 73 The certification in Article 20, Paragraph 4 of the Law shall be made in accordance with Attached Form No. 12.

(Reports on the Results of the On-Site Inspections and Questions Carried Out by the Center)

Article 74 Reports pursuant to Article 20-2, Paragraph 5 of the Law shall be made

without delay by providing documents stating the following matters:

- [1] The names and addresses of RCBs conducting the on-site inspections or asking questions, Certified Manufacturers, etc. (referring to Certified Manufacturers, etc. in Article 19-2 of the Law), Certified Production Process Managers (referring to Certified Production Process Managers in the mentioned Article), Certified Distribution Process Managers (referring to Certified Distribution Process Managers in the mentioned Article), Certified Re-packers (referring to Certified Re-packers in the mentioned Article), Certified Importers (referring to Certified Importers in the mentioned Article), manufacturers of agricultural and forestry products for which criteria pertaining to standards for labeling related to quality are established pursuant to Article 19-13, Paragraph 1 of the Law, or, producers, distributors or importers of Specified Agricultural and Forestry Products.
- [2] Date when the on-site inspection or the question has been carried out;
- [3] Place where the on-site inspection or the question has been carried out;
- [4] Type of agricultural and forestry products relevant to the on-site inspection or the question;
- [5] Result of the on-site inspection or the question; and
- [6] Other matters for reference.

(Certification indicating the Identity of Staffers Performing On-Site Inspections or Asking Questions Pursuant to Article 20-2, Paragraph 1 through Paragraph 3 of the Law)

Article 75 The certification in Article 20, Paragraph 4 of the Law as applied mutatis mutandis in Article 20-2, Paragraph 7 of the Law shall be made in accordance with Attached Form No. 13.

(Procedure for Requests to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)

Article 76 Requests pursuant to Article 21, Paragraph 1 of the Law shall be made by means of a document with the following matters in triplicate:

- [1] Name and address of the person who makes a request;
- [2] Type of agricultural and forestry products relating to the request;
- [3] Reasons of the request;
- [4] Name and address of the Manufacturer, etc., Production Process Manager, Distribution Process Manager or Re-packer of the agricultural and forestry product relating to the request; and
- [5] Location of the agricultural and forestry product relating to the request at the time of the request, and the name of its owner.

(Delegation of Authority)

Article 77 Of the authority of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries stipulated pursuant to the Law, those listed in the each of the following numbered

items shall be delegated to the Director-General of the Regional Agricultural Administration Office listed in each of the mentioned numbered items. Notwithstanding, this shall not preclude direct exercise his/her authority by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

- [1] Indications stipulated pursuant to Article 19-14, Paragraph 1 of the Law, as well as public announcements stipulated pursuant to Article 19-14-2 of the Law relating to the mentioned indications (limited to Manufacturers, etc.(referring to the Manufacturers, etc. stipulated pursuant to Article 14, Paragraph 1 of the Law; hereinafter the same within this Article) for which all of the principal offices, places of business, factories and shops are located solely within the area of jurisdiction of a single Regional Agricultural Administration Office (except matters which shall be dealt with by the governor of the prefecture stipulated pursuant to the main text of in Article 12, Paragraph 1 of the Government Ordinance)). The Chief of the mentioned Regional Agricultural Administration Office.
- [2] Collection of reports from RCBs and request of submission of materials against RCBs stipulated pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 1 of the Law. The Director-General of the Regional Agricultural Administration Office with jurisdiction over the locations of the principal offices of the mentioned RCBs.
- [3] Collection of reports from RCB's operationally related operators and request of submission of materials against them stipulated pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 1 of the Law. The Director-General of the Regional Agricultural Administration Office with jurisdiction over the locations of the principal offices of the mentioned operators.
- [4] On-site inspections and questions pertaining to the RCBs or its operationally related operators stipulated pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 1 of the Law. The Director-General of the Regional Agricultural Administration Office with jurisdiction over the locations of mentioned on-site inspections or questions..
- [5] Collection of reports from Certified Manufacturers, etc., Certified Production Process Managers, Certified Distribution Process Managers, Certified Re-Packers and Certified Importers, as well as producers, distributors and importers of Specified Agricultural and Forestry Products and request of submission of materials against them stipulated pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 2 of the Law. The Director-General of the Regional Agricultural Administration Office with jurisdiction over the locations of the principal offices of the mentioned Certified Manufacturers, etc., Certified Production Process Managers, Certified Distribution Process Managers, Certified Re-Packers and Certified Importers, as well as producers, distributors and importers of Specified Agricultural and Forestry Products.
- [6] Collection of reports from Certified Manufacturers, etc., Certified Production Process Managers, Certified Distribution Process Managers, Certified Re-Packers and Certified Importers as well as producers, distributors and importers of Specified Agricultural and Forestry Products or its operationally related operators and

request of submission of materials against them stipulated pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 2 of the Law. The Director-General of the Regional Agricultural Administration Office with jurisdiction over the locations of the principal offices of the mentioned operators.

[7] On-site inspections pertaining to Certified Manufacturers, etc., Certified Production Process Managers, Certified Distribution Process Managers, Certified Re-Packers and Certified Importers, as well as producers, distributors and importers of Specified Agricultural and Forestry Products or its operationally related operators stipulated pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 2 of the Law. The Director-General of the Regional Agricultural Administration Office with jurisdiction over the locations of mentioned on-site inspections or questions.

[8] Collection of reports from Manufacturers, etc. request of submission of materials against them stipulated pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 3 of the Law. The Director-General of the Regional Agricultural Administration Office with jurisdiction over the locations of the principal offices of the mentioned Manufacturers, etc.

[9] Collection of reports from the Manufacturers', etc. operationally related operators request of submission of materials against them stipulated pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 3 of the Law. The Director-General of the Regional Agricultural Administration Office with jurisdiction over the locations of the principal offices of the mentioned operators.

[10] On-site inspections or questions of Manufacturers, etc. or its operationally related operators stipulated pursuant to Article 20, Paragraph 3 of the Law. The Director-General of the Regional Agricultural Administration Office with jurisdiction over the locations of mentioned on-site inspections or questions.

[11] Acceptance of requests stipulated pursuant to Article 21-2, Paragraph 1 of the Law and inspections stipulated pursuant to Paragraph 2 of the mentioned Article. The Director-General of the Regional Agricultural Administration Office with jurisdiction over the locations of the principal offices of the mentioned Manufacturers, etc. targeted by requests.

#### (Grading Result Reports)

Article 78 RCBs or ROCBs shall compile the results of grading or of grading labels related to the certification by these organizations according to each type of agricultural and forestry product of Manufacturers, etc., Production Process Managers, Distribution Process Managers, Re-Packers, Overseas Manufacturers, etc., Overseas Production Process Managers, Overseas Distribution Process Managers and Overseas Re-Packers for the preceding fiscal year, and report upon those results to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries by no later than the final day of September each year.