

Enforcement Order of the Act on Japanese Agricultural Standards (reflecting amendments in effect as of October 1, 2022)

(Cabinet Order No. 291 of August 31, 1951)

In accordance with the provisions of Article 2, paragraph (1) and Article 17, paragraph (1) of the Agricultural and Forest Commodities Standards Act (Act No. 175 of 1950), the Cabinet enacts this Cabinet Order amending all provisions of the Enforcement Order of the Agricultural and Forest Commodities Standards Act (Cabinet Order No. 178 of 1950).

(Agricultural and Forestry Products Other Than Food and Drinks, and Oils and Fats)

Article 1 The products specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 2, paragraph (1), item (ii) of the Act on Japanese Agricultural Standards (Act No. 175 of 1950; referred to below as the "Act") are decorative plants, industrial crops, standing trees/bamboo, aquarium fish, pearls, products made from soft rush, raw silk, lacquer, bamboo materials, timber (except plywood for aircraft), charcoal, and animal feed using agricultural, forestry, livestock, or marine products as raw materials or ingredients.

(Requirements for the Raw Materials of Alcohol Beverages Included in the Scope of the Standards)

Article 2 (1) The requirements specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 2, paragraph (2), item (i), (b) of the Act for the plant products, that should be produced in such a way as to have least environmental load, are that the plant products (limited to those complying with the standards specified by the competent minister) must be harvested in the fields where any chemically synthesized agricultural chemicals, fertilizer or soil improvement substances (excluding those specified by the competent minister for unavoidable use; referred to below as "chemical pesticides, etc." in this paragraph and item (i), (b) of the following paragraph) have not been applied from two years before seeding or planting of seedlings that are used for producing the plant products (or three years before the first harvest if those are harvested from the perennial plants) until it's time to harvest the relevant plant products (including those where chemical pesticides, etc. have not been used for a year before the first harvesting of the relevant plant products and will not be used continuously with certainty after harvesting the relevant plant products).

(2) The requirements specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 2, paragraph

(2), item (i), (b) of the Act for the livestock products, that should be produced in such a way as to have least environmental load and cause livestock least pain or suffering, are that the livestock products (limited only to those produced in conformity with the standards specified by the competent minister) are to satisfy all of the following items:

- (i) must be produced from the cattle to which the following feeds have been mainly provided:
 - (a) those plant products prescribed in the preceding paragraph (1);
 - (b) those plants (except for those stated in the above (a) and limited only to those in conformity with the standards specified by the competent minister) that are collected from or grown in the fields or pasture lands (including the fields or pasture lands that are free from chemical pesticides during the period specified by the competent minister, if it is permitted to shorten the chemical pesticide-free period in consideration of the production conditions including grazing as specified by the competent minister), where any chemical pesticides etc. have not been applied from two years before seeding or planting of seedlings (or three years before its first harvest or the relevant livestock grazing if the perennial plants) until the end of livestock grazing;
 - (c) those livestock products produced from the cattle to which the following feeds have been mainly fed (limited only to those in conformity with the standards specified by the competent minister):
 - 1. those stated in (a) or (b); and
 - 2. those products manufactured or processed by exclusively using those products stated in 1. as their raw materials or ingredients (limited only to those in conformity with the standards specified by the competent minister).
 - (d) those products manufactured or processed by exclusively using those products stated in the above (a) through (c) as their raw materials or ingredients (limited only to those in conformity with the standards specified by the competent minister).
- (ii) must be those products produced from the livestock that have been raised in accordance with the following standards or the livestock that have been raised and slaughtered in accordance with the relevant standards:
 - (a) must be in conformity with the standards specified by the competent minister, with reference to the breeding, capture, transport, slaughtering and other handling of livestock, in such a way as to cause livestock least pain or suffering such as "not to hurt the livestock intentionally"; and
 - (b) must be in conformity with the standards specified by the competent minister, with reference to the livestock barns or places for raising livestock, in such a way as to cause livestock least pain or suffering, such

as "providing livestock with the necessary feeds and fresh water",
"livestock should have sufficient room and opportunity to move around
freely."

(Councils Specified by Cabinet Order)

Article 3 The council, etc. specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 3,
paragraph (4) of the Act is the Council for the Japanese Agricultural Standards.

(Accreditation Fees of an Accredited Certification Body)

Article 4 (1) The amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 14,
paragraph (1) of the Act is that provided in the following items, according to
whether each division specified by order of the competent ministry referred to
in the same paragraph falls under any of the divisions stated in the following
items:

(i) divisions containing Japanese Agricultural Standards about criteria for the
matters stated in Article 2, paragraph (2), item (i), (a) of the Act: 145,000 yen
(or 144,500 yen for an electronic application (meaning an application made
by using the electronic data processing system under Article 6, paragraph (1)
of the Act on the Advancement of Government Administration Processes
That Use Information and Communications Technology (Act No. 151 of 2002)
pursuant to the provisions of the same paragraph; the same applies below));
or

(ii) divisions other than the divisions provided in the preceding item: 118,700
yen (or 118,200 yen for an electronic application).

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, if a person who
seeks the accreditation provided in Article 14, paragraph (1) of the Act
(referred to below as the "accreditation as an accredited certification body" in
this Article and Article 6) seeks the accreditation provided in Article 42 of the
Act at the same time or has actually been granted the accreditation under the
same Article, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 14,
paragraph (1) of the Act is that provided in the following items, according to
whether each division specified by order of the competent ministry referred to
in paragraph (1) of the same Article falls under any of the divisions stated in
the following items:

(i) divisions containing Japanese Agricultural Standards about criteria for the
matters stated in Article 2, paragraph (2), item (i), (a) of the Act: 135,400 yen
(or 134,900 yen for an electronic application); or

(ii) divisions other than the divisions provided in the preceding item: 109,100
yen (or 108,600 yen for an electronic application).

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding two paragraphs, if a person
who has actually been granted the accreditation as an accredited certification

body seeks other accreditation as an accredited certification body, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 14, paragraph (1) of the Act is that provided in the following items, according to whether each division specified by order of the competent ministry referred to in paragraph (1) of the same Article falls under any of the divisions stated in the following items:

- (i) divisions containing Japanese Agricultural Standards about criteria for the matters stated in Article 2, paragraph (2), item (i), (a) of the Act: 80,900 yen (or 80,500 yen for an electronic application); or
- (ii) divisions other than the divisions provided in the preceding item: 54,600 yen (or 54,200 yen for an electronic application).

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding three paragraphs, if a person who seeks the accreditation as an accredited certification body by paying the fees under the preceding three paragraphs seeks other accreditation as an accredited certification body at the same time, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 14, paragraph (1) of the Act regarding the other accreditation as an accredited certification body is that provided in the following items, according to whether each division specified by order of the competent ministry referred to in paragraph (1) of the same Article falls under any of the divisions stated in the following items:

- (i) divisions containing Japanese Agricultural Standards about criteria for the matters stated in Article 2, paragraph (2), item (i), (a) of the Act: 71,100 yen; or
- (ii) divisions other than the divisions provided in the preceding item: 44,800 yen.

(Effective Period of Accreditation of an Accredited Certification Body)

Article 5 The period specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 17, paragraph (1) of the Act is four years.

(Renewal Accreditation Fees of an Accredited Certification Body)

Article 6 (1) The amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 14, paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 17, paragraph (2) of the Act is that provided in the following items, according to whether each division specified by order of the competent ministry referred to in the same paragraph falls under any of the divisions stated in the following items:

- (i) divisions containing Japanese Agricultural Standards about criteria for the matters stated in Article 2, paragraph (2), item (i), (a) of the Act: 113,300 yen (or 112,900 yen for an electronic application); or
- (ii) divisions other than the divisions provided in the preceding item: 95,800 yen (or 95,400 yen for an electronic application).

- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, if a person who seeks the renewal of accreditation provided in Article 17, paragraph (1) of the Act (referred to below as the "renewal of accreditation as an accredited certification body" in the following paragraph) seeks the renewal of accreditation provided in Article 45, paragraph (1) of the Act at the same time, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 14, paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 17, paragraph (2) of the Act is that provided in the following items, according to whether each division specified by order of the competent ministry referred to in paragraph (1) of the same Article falls under any of the divisions stated in the following items:
- (i) divisions containing Japanese Agricultural Standards about criteria for the matters stated in Article 2, paragraph (2), item (i), (a) of the Act: 105,400 yen (or 105,000 yen for an electronic application); or
 - (ii) divisions other than the divisions provided in the preceding item: 87,900 yen (or 87,500 yen for an electronic application).
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding two paragraphs, if a person who seeks the renewal of accreditation as an accredited certification body by paying the fees under the preceding two paragraphs seeks a renewal of other accreditation as an accredited certification body at the same time, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 14, paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 17, paragraph (2) of the Act regarding the renewal of the other accreditation as an accredited certification body is that provided in the following items, according to whether each division specified by order of the competent ministry referred to in paragraph (1) of the same Article falls under any of the divisions stated in the following items:
- (i) divisions containing Japanese Agricultural Standards about criteria for the matters stated in Article 2, paragraph (2), item (i), (a) of the Act: 46,500 yen; or
 - (ii) divisions other than the divisions provided in the preceding item: 29,000 yen.

(Accreditation Fees of an Accredited Overseas Certification Body)

Article 7 (1) The amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 34 of the Act is obtained by adding the amount equivalent to the travel expenses required for two employees of the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries or the Food and Agricultural Materials Inspection Center (referred to below as the "center") to travel to the location of the business establishment for conducting the investigation for the accreditation provided in the same Article (referred to below simply as the "amount of travel expenses" in this Article) to the amount stated in the following items,

according to whether each division specified by order of the competent ministry referred to in the same Article falls under any of the divisions stated in the following items:

- (i) divisions containing Japanese Agricultural Standards about criteria for the matters stated in Article 2, paragraph (2), item (i), (a) of the Act: 102,700 yen (or 102,300 yen for an electronic application); or
 - (ii) divisions other than the divisions provided in the preceding item: 76,400 yen (or 76,000 yen for an electronic application).
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, if a person who seeks the accreditation provided in Article 34 of the Act (referred to below as the "accreditation as an accredited certification body" in this Article and Article 10) seeks the accreditation provided in Article 53 of the Act at the same time or has actually been granted the accreditation under the same Article, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 34 of the Act is obtained by adding the amount equivalent to the amount of travel expenses to that provided in the following items, according to whether each division specified by order of the competent ministry referred to in the same Article falls under any of the divisions stated in the following items:
- (i) divisions containing Japanese Agricultural Standards about criteria for the matters stated in Article 2, paragraph (2), item (i), (a) of the Act: 93,100 yen (or 92,700 yen for an electronic application); or
 - (ii) divisions other than the divisions provided in the preceding item: 66,800 yen (or 66,400 yen for an electronic application).
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding two paragraphs, if a person who has actually been granted the accreditation as an accredited certification body seeks other accreditation as an accredited certification body, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 34 of the Act is obtained by adding the amount equivalent to the travel expenses to that provided in the following items, according to whether each division specified by order of the competent ministry referred to in the same Article falls under any of the divisions stated in the following items:
- (i) divisions containing Japanese Agricultural Standards about criteria for the matters stated in Article 2, paragraph (2), item (i), (a) of the Act: 73,700 yen (or 73,200 yen for an electronic application); or
 - (ii) divisions other than the divisions provided in the preceding item: 47,400 yen (or 46,900 yen for an electronic application).
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding three paragraphs, if a person who seeks the accreditation as an accredited certification body by paying the fees under the preceding three paragraphs seeks other accreditation as an accredited certification body at the same time, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 34 of the Act regarding the other accreditation as an

accredited certification body is that provided in the following items, according to whether each division specified by order of the competent ministry referred to in the same paragraph falls under any of the divisions stated in the following items:

- (i) divisions containing Japanese Agricultural Standards about criteria for the matters stated in Article 2, paragraph (2), item (i), (a) of the Act: 71,100 yen; or
- (ii) divisions other than the divisions provided in the preceding item: 44,800 yen.

(5) The calculation of the amount of travel expenses is to be governed by the provisions of the Act on Travel Expenses of National Public Officers (Act No. 114 of 1950; referred to below as the "Travel Expenses Act") by deeming that employees who travel are at grade four in the Administrative Service (I) Salary Schedule provided in Article 6, paragraph (1), item (i), (a) of the Act on Remuneration of Officials in the Regular Service (Act No. 95 of 1950; referred to below as the "Remuneration Act"), and the amount of miscellaneous travel expenses and other details necessary for the calculation of the amount of travel expenses are specified by order of the competent ministry.

(Bearing the Expenses for Inspections at the Offices of an Accredited Overseas Certification Body)

Article 8 The expenses specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 35, paragraph (4) of the Act are the expenses equivalent to the travel expenses required for two employees of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries or the center to travel to an office, business establishment, or warehouse for conducting the inspection provided in paragraph (2), item (vi) of the same Article. In this case, the calculation of the amount of travel expenses is to be governed by the provisions of the Travel Expenses Act by deeming that employees who travel are at grade four in the Administrative Service (I) Salary Schedule provided in Article 6, paragraph (1), item (i), (a) of the Remuneration Act, and the amount of miscellaneous travel expenses and other details necessary for the calculation of the amount of travel expenses are specified by order of the competent ministry.

(Effective Period of Accreditation of an Accredited Overseas Certification Body)

Article 9 The period specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 17, paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 36 of the Act is four years.

(Renewal Accreditation Fees of an Accredited Overseas Certification Body)

Article 10 (1) The amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 14,

paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 17, paragraph (2) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 36 of the Act is obtained by adding the amount equivalent to the travel expenses required for two employees of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries or the center to travel to the location of the business establishment for conducting the renewal investigation for the accreditation provided in Article 17, paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 36 of the Act (referred to below simply as the "amount of travel expenses" in the following paragraph and paragraph (4)) to the amount stated in the following items, according to whether each division specified by order of the competent ministry referred to in Article 14, paragraph (1) of the Act falls under any of the divisions stated in the following items:

- (i) divisions containing Japanese Agricultural Standards about criteria for the matters stated in Article 2, paragraph (2), item (i), (a) of the Act: 71,100 yen (or 70,600 yen for an electronic application); or
 - (ii) divisions other than the divisions provided in the preceding item: 53,600 yen (or 53,100 yen for an electronic application).
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, if a person who seeks the renewal of accreditation provided in Article 17, paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 36 of the Act (referred to below as the "renewal of accreditation as an accredited certification body" in the following paragraph) seeks the renewal of accreditation provided in Article 45, paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 56 of the Act at the same time, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 14, paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 17, paragraph (2) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 36 is obtained by adding the expenses equivalent to the travel expenses to that provided in the following items, according to whether each division specified by order of the competent ministry referred to in Article 14, paragraph (1) of the Act falls under any of the divisions stated in the following items:
- (i) divisions containing Japanese Agricultural Standards about criteria for the matters stated in Article 2, paragraph (2), item (i), (a) of the Act: 63,200 yen (or 62,700 yen for an electronic application); or
 - (ii) divisions other than the divisions provided in the preceding item: 45,700 yen (or 45,200 yen for an electronic application).
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding two paragraphs, if a person who seeks the renewal of accreditation as an accredited certification body by paying the fees under the preceding two paragraphs seeks a renewal of other accreditation as an accredited certification body at the same time, the amount

specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 14, paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 17, paragraph (2) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 36 of the Act regarding the renewal of the other accreditation as an accredited certification body is that provided in the following items, according to whether each division specified by order of the competent ministry referred to in paragraph (1) of the same Article falls under any of the divisions stated in the following items:

(i) divisions containing Japanese Agricultural Standards about criteria for the matters stated in Article 2, paragraph (2), item (i), (a) of the Act: 46,500 yen; or

(ii) divisions other than the divisions provided in the preceding item: 29,000 yen.

(4) The provisions of Article 7, paragraph (5) apply mutatis mutandis to the calculation of the amount of travel expenses.

(Accreditation Fees of an Accredited Testing Business Operator)

Article 11 (1) The amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 43, paragraph (1) of the Act is 85,700 yen (or 85,200 yen for an electronic application).

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, if a person who seeks the accreditation provided in Article 42 of the Act (referred to below as the "accreditation as an accredited testing business operator" in this Article and Article 13, paragraph (2)) has actually been granted the accreditation under Article 14, paragraph (1) of the Act, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 43, paragraph (1) of the Act is 76,100 yen (or 75,600 yen for an electronic application).

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding two paragraphs, if a person who has actually been granted the accreditation as an accredited testing business operator seeks other accreditation as an accredited testing business operator, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 43, paragraph (1) of the Act is 34,800 yen (or 34,400 yen for an electronic application).

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding three paragraphs, if a person who seeks the accreditation as an accredited testing business operator by paying the fees under the preceding three paragraphs seeks other accreditation as an accredited testing business operator at the same time, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 43, paragraph (1) of the Act regarding the other accreditation as an accredited testing business operator is 25,000 yen.

(Effective Period of Accreditation of an Accredited Testing Business Operator)

Article 12 The period specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 45, paragraph (1) of the Act is four years.

(Renewal Accreditation Fees of an Accredited Testing Business Operator)

Article 13 (1) The amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 43, paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 45, paragraph (2) of the Act is 73,400 yen (or 73,000 yen for an electronic application).

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, if a person who seeks the renewal of accreditation provided in Article 45, paragraph (1) of the Act (referred to below as the "renewal of accreditation as an accredited testing business operator" in this paragraph) by paying the fees under the preceding paragraph seeks a renewal of other accreditation as an accredited testing business operator at the same time, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 43, paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 45, paragraph (2) of the Act regarding the renewal of the other accreditation as an accredited testing business operator is 17,100 yen.

(Accreditation Fees of an Accredited Overseas Testing Business Operator)

Article 14 (1) The amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 54 of the Act is obtained by adding the amount equivalent to the travel expenses required for two employees of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries or the center to travel to the laboratory (meaning the laboratory provided in Article 44, paragraph (1) of the Act; the same applies below) for conducting the investigation for the accreditation provided in Article 53 of the Act (referred to below simply as the "amount of travel expenses" in this Article) to 43,400 yen (or 43,000 yen for an electronic application).

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, if a person who seeks the accreditation provided in Article 53 of the Act (referred to below as the "accreditation as an accredited testing business operator" in this Article and Article 17, paragraph (2)) has actually been granted the accreditation under Article 34 of the Act, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 54 of the Act is obtained by adding the amount equivalent to the amount of travel expenses to 33,800 yen (or 33,400 yen for an electronic application).

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding two paragraphs, if a person who has actually been granted the accreditation as an accredited testing business operator seeks other accreditation as an accredited testing business operator, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 54 of the Act is obtained by adding the amount equivalent to the amount of travel expenses to 27,600 yen (or 27,100 yen for an electronic application).

- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding three paragraphs, if a person who seeks the accreditation as an accredited testing business operator by paying the fees under the preceding three paragraphs seeks other accreditation as an accredited testing business operator at the same time, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 54 of the Act regarding the other accreditation as an accredited testing business operator is 25,000 yen.
- (5) The provisions of Article 7, paragraph (5) apply mutatis mutandis to the calculation of the amount of travel expenses.

(Bearing the Expenses for Inspections at the Laboratories of an Accredited Overseas Testing Business Operator)

Article 15 The expenses specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 55, paragraph (3) of the Act are the expenses equivalent to the travel expenses required for two employees of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries or the center to travel to a laboratory for conducting the inspection provided in paragraph (1), item (v) of the same Article. In this case, the calculation of the amount of travel expenses is to be governed by the provisions of the Travel Expenses Act by deeming that employees who travel are at grade four in the Administrative Service (I) Salary Schedule provided in Article 6, paragraph (1), item (i), (a) of the Remuneration Act, and the amount of miscellaneous travel expenses and other details necessary for the calculation of the amount of travel expenses are specified by Order of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

(Effective Period of Accreditation of an Accredited Overseas Testing Business Operator)

Article 16 The period specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 45, paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 56 of the Act is four years.

(Renewal Accreditation Fees for an Accredited Overseas Testing Business Operator)

Article 17 (1) The amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 43, paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 45, paragraph (2) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 56 of the Act is obtained by adding the amount equivalent to the travel expenses required for two employees of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries or the center to travel to the laboratory for conducting the renewal investigation for the accreditation provided in Article 45, paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 56 of the Act (referred to below simply as the "amount of travel expenses" in paragraph (3)) to 31,100

yen (or 30,700 yen for an electronic application).

- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, if a person who seeks the renewal of accreditation provided in Article 45, paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 56 of the Act (referred to below as the "renewal of accreditation as an accredited testing business operator" in this paragraph) by paying the fees under the preceding paragraph seeks a renewal of other accreditation as an accredited testing business operator at the same time, the amount specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 43, paragraph (1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 45, paragraph (2) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 56 of the Act regarding the renewal of the other accreditation is 17,100 yen.
- (3) The provisions of Article 7, paragraph (5) apply mutatis mutandis to the calculation of the amount of travel expenses.

(Agricultural and Forestry Products Requiring Proper Indication of Name)

Article 18 The agricultural and forestry products specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 63, paragraph (1) of the Act are any of the following food and drinks:

- (i) plant products as prescribed in Article 2, paragraph (1);
- (ii) livestock products as prescribed in Article 2, paragraph (2);
- (iii) food and drinks (limited to those that conform with the criteria specified by the competent minister, excluding alcohol beverages) manufactured or processed by exclusively using the plant products stated in item (i) or livestock products stated in item (ii) as raw materials or ingredients.

(Authority Not Delegated to the Commissioner of the Consumer Affairs Agency)

Article 19 The authority specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 76, paragraph (1) of the Act is the authority under the provisions of Article 59, paragraphs (1), (3), and (4) and Article 73 of the Act.

(Delegation of Authority)

Article 20 The Minister of Finance delegates the authority prescribed in the Act (excluding those prescribed in Article 3, paragraphs (1) and (4), Article 4 (including the cases where it applies mutatis mutandis to Article 5 of the Act), Article 6, and Article 9, paragraphs (1) through (4) of the Act) to the Commissioner of National Tax Agency. This, however, does not preclude the Minister of Finance from exercising the authority themselves.

(Affairs Handled by Prefectures or Designated Cities)

Article 21 (1) Among the affairs vested in the authority of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries provided in the Act and the affairs delegated to the authority of the Commissioner of the Consumer Affairs Agency pursuant to the provisions of Article 76, paragraph (1) of the Act, the affairs stated in the following items are handled by the persons provided in the items; provided, however, that this does not preclude the Commissioner of the Consumer Affairs Agency or the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries from handling the affairs stated in items (iii) through (vi) themselves (with respect to the affairs stated in items (iii) through (v), limited to those that are found necessary for enforcing the provisions of Article 61 of the Act):

- (i) affairs regarding instructions under Article 61, paragraph (1) of the Act and public announcements under Article 62 of the Act regarding the instructions (limited to those regarding product handlers (meaning those provided in Article 10, paragraph (1) of the Act; the same applies below in this Article) whose principal office, business establishment, factory, and shop are located exclusively within a single prefecture): the person provided in (a) or (b) below according to the category of a product handler stated in (a) or (b):
 - (a) a product handler whose principal office, business establishment, factory, and shop are located exclusively within a single prefecture (excluding product handlers in the designated cities provided in (b); referred to below as the "product handler in a prefecture" in this Article): the prefectural governor;
 - (b) a product handler whose principal office, business establishment, factory, and shop are located exclusively within a designated city (meaning the designated cities provided in Article 252-19, paragraph (1) of the Local Autonomy Act (Act No. 67 of 1947); the same applies below in this Article) (referred to below as the "product handler in a designated city" in this Article)": the mayor of the designated city;
- (ii) affairs regarding orders under Article 61, paragraph (3) of the Act regarding instructions of the person provided in (a) or (b) of the preceding item under paragraph (1) of the same Article and public announcements under Article 62 of the Act regarding the orders: the person provided in (a) or (b) below according to the category of a product handler stated in (a) or (b) below:
 - (a) the product handler in a prefecture: the prefectural governor;
 - (b) the product handler in a designated city: the mayor of the designated city;
- (iii) affairs regarding requests to a product handler for the collection of reports and the submission of materials under Article 65, paragraph (4) of the Act: the person provided in (a) or (b) below according to the category of a product handler stated in (a) or (b) below:
 - (a) a product handler other than the handler stated in (b): the prefectural

- governor with jurisdiction over the principal office of the product handler
- (b) a product handler whose principal office is located within the area of a designated city: the mayor of the designated city and the prefectural governor with jurisdiction over the designated city (if the prefectural governor handles the affairs, limited to cases where it is found necessary for instructions or orders of the governor given pursuant to the provisions of Article 61 of the Act; the same applies in (b) of the following item and (b) of item (v))
- (iv) affairs regarding requests to business operator having a relationship with a product handler regarding its operations for the collection of reports and the submission of materials under Article 65, paragraph (4) of the Act: the person provided in (a) or (b) below according to the category of business operator stated in (a) or (b) below:
- (a) a business operator having a relationship with a product handler regarding its operations, other than the business operator stated in (b): the prefectural governor with jurisdiction over the principal office of the business operator having a relationship with the product handler regarding its operations
- (b) a business operator having a relationship with a product handler regarding its operations whose principal office is located exclusively within a designated city: the mayor of the designated city and the prefectural governor with jurisdiction over the designated city
- (v) affairs regarding inspections and questions to a product handler or a business operator having a relationship with the person with respect to its operations under Article 65, paragraph (4) of the Act: the person provided in (a) or (b) below according to the category of a place regarding the inspections and questions stated in (a) or (b) below:
- (a) a place other than that stated in (b): the prefectural governor with jurisdiction over the relevant place
- (b) a place in a designated city: the mayor of the designated city and the prefectural governor with jurisdiction over the designated city
- (vi) affairs regarding receipt of reports under Article 70, paragraph (1) of the Act and investigations under paragraph (2) of the same Article: the person provided in (a) or (b) below according to the category of a product handler subject to the reports stated in (a) or (b) below:
- (a) a product handler other than the handler stated in (b): the prefectural governor with jurisdiction over the principal office of the relevant product handler;
- (b) a product handler whose principal office is located exclusively within a designated city: the mayor of the designated city and the prefectural governor with jurisdiction over the designated city.

- (2) In a case referred to in the main clause of the preceding paragraph, the provisions regarding the Prime Minister or the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries regarding the affairs provided in the main clause of the same paragraph of the Act (excluding the provisions of Article 61, paragraphs (2) and (4) and Article 65, paragraph (8) of the Act) are to apply to the prefectural governor or the mayor of a designated city as the provisions regarding the prefectural governor or the mayor of a designated city.
- (3) If the prefectural governor or the mayor of a designated city conducts the affairs stated in paragraph (1), item (i) pursuant to the provisions of the main clause of the same paragraph, the governor or the mayor must report the details of the affairs to the Commissioner of the Consumer Affairs Agency and the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries pursuant to the provisions of Cabinet Office Order and Order of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.
- (4) If the prefectural governor or the mayor of a designated city conducts the affairs stated in paragraph (1), item (ii) pursuant to the provisions of the main clause of the same paragraph, the governor or the mayor must report the details of the affairs to the Commissioner of the Consumer Affairs Agency pursuant to the provisions of Cabinet Office Order.
- (5) If the prefectural governor or the mayor of a designated city conducts the affairs stated in paragraph (1), items (iii) through (v) pursuant to the provisions of the main clause of the same paragraph, the governor or the mayor must report the results of the affairs to the persons provided in the following items according to the categories of cases stated in the following items pursuant to the provisions of Cabinet Office Order and Order of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:
- (i) when conducting affairs regarding product handlers other than those in a prefecture and in a designated city, or a business operator having a relationship with the person regarding its operations: the Commissioner of the Consumer Affairs Agency and the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries;
 - (ii) if the mayor of a designated city conducts affairs regarding a product handler in a prefecture or a business operator having a relationship with that handler with respect to its operations: the prefectural governor;
 - (iii) if the prefectural governor conducts affairs regarding the product handler in a designated city or a business operator having a relationship with that handler with respect to its operations: the mayor of the designated city.
- (6) As a result of a request for the collection of reports or the submission of materials, conducting an inspection, or asking questions regarding the product handlers stated in the following items or a business operator having a relationship with the handler with respect to its operations under Article 65,

- paragraph (4) of the Act, when the Commissioner of the Consumer Affairs Agency or the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries considers that the product handlers stated in the following items have violated the provisions of Article 60 of the Act or have not taken measures regarding the instructions under Article 61, paragraph (1) of the Act (limited to measures regarding the instructions given by the person provided in paragraph (1), item (i) pursuant to the provisions of the main clause of the same paragraph) without just causes, the Commissioner or the Minister must notify the persons provided in the following items of this according to the categories of the product handlers:
- (i) the product handler in a prefecture: the prefectural governor;
 - (ii) the product handler in a designated city: the mayor of the designated city.
- (7) As a result of an investigation under Article 70, paragraph (2) of the Act, when the Commissioner of the Consumer Affairs Agency or the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries considers that the prefectural governor or the mayor of a designated city needs to take the measures provided in the same paragraph, the Commissioner or the Minister must notify the governor or the mayor to that effect.
- (8) If the prefectural governor or the mayor of a designated city conducts an investigation under Article 70, paragraph (2) of the Act among the affairs stated in paragraph (1), item (vi) pursuant to the provisions of the main clause of the same paragraph, the governor or the mayor must report the results of the investigation to the persons provided in the following items according to the categories of cases stated in the following items pursuant to the provisions of Cabinet Office Order and Order of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:
- (i) if the prefectural governor conducts the investigation on the product handler in a designated city: the Commissioner of the Consumer Affairs Agency, the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and the mayor of the designated city;
 - (ii) if the mayor of a designated city conducts the investigation on the product handler in a prefecture: the Commissioner of the Consumer Affairs Agency, the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and the prefectural governor;
 - (iii) if investigations other than the investigations stated in the preceding two items are conducted: the Commissioner of the Consumer Affairs Agency and the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.
- (9) In a case referred to in the proviso to paragraph (1), if the Commissioner of the Consumer Affairs Agency, the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the prefectural governor, or the mayor of a designated city conducts the affairs stated in items (iii) through (vi) of the same paragraph, they are to conduct the affairs in close coordination among one another.

Supplementary Provisions

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of September 1, 1951.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 6 of January 28, 1953]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 330 of October 19, 1953]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 175 of June 28, 1954]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 297 of October 30, 1958]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 42 of March 6, 1962]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 361 of November 8, 1963]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 341 of November 2, 1964]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 1 of January 4, 1966]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 355 of October 20, 1966]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

**Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 191 of June 19, 1970]
[Extract]**

- (1) This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date on which the Act Partially Amending the Agricultural and Forest Commodities Standards Act (Act No. 92 of 1970) comes into effect (June 20, 1970).

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 245 of July 12, 1971]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 1 of January 13, 1972]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 83 of April 24, 1972]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 312 of August 7, 1972]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 142 of May 22, 1973]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 366 of December 20, 1973]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 206 of June 13, 1974]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 383 of December 17, 1974]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 271 of September 12, 1975]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 113 of May 14, 1976]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 302 of November 30, 1976]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 278 of September 24, 1977]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 11 of January 20, 1978]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

**Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 282 of July 5, 1978]
[Extract]**

(Effective Date)

Article 1 This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 316 of August 29, 1978]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 403 of December 26, 1978]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 235 of September 5, 1980]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 281 of September 16, 1981]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 170 of July 22, 1983]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date on which the Act Partially Amending the Related Acts for Facilitating Acquisition of Type Approvals by Overseas Business Operators comes into effect (August 1, 1983).

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 307 of October 16, 1984]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

**Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 317 of December 21, 1985]
[Extract]**

(Effective Date)

- (1) This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation; provided, however, that the provisions of Article 42 come into effect as of January 1, 1986.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 330 of October 24, 1986]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 60 of March 25, 1987]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of April 1, 1987.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 58 of March 22, 1989]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of April 1, 1989.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 123 of June 5, 1990]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 40 of March 19, 1991]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of April 1, 1991.

**Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 244 of July 2, 1993]
[Extract]**

(Effective Date)

- (1) This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date on which the Act Partially

Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products comes into effect (July 21, 1993).

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 73 of March 24, 1994]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of April 1, 1994.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 251 of July 27, 1994]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date on which the Act on Working Hours and Leaves for National Public Officers Engaged in Regular Services comes into effect (September 1, 1994).

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 266 of September 6, 1996]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 75 of March 26, 1997]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 76 of March 26, 1997]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of April 1, 1997.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 389 of December 25, 1997]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

**Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 416 of December 22, 1999]
[Extract]**

(Effective Date)

Article 1 This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of April 1, 2000.

(Transitional Measures Accompanying Partial Amendment of the Enforcement Order of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products)

Article 5 (1) The provisions of Article 5, paragraphs (3), (4), and (6) of the Enforcement Order of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products after the amendment under Article 11

(referred to as the "New Enforcement Order of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products" in the following paragraph) do not apply to cases where the prefectural governor with the authority delegated pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 of the Enforcement Order of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products before the amendment under Article 11 gives instructions under the provisions of Article 19-9, paragraph (1), collects reports or conducts inspections under Article 20, or conducts investigations under Article 21, paragraph (2) of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products before the amendment under Article 256 of the Act on Arrangement of Relevant Acts for Promotion of Decentralization of Authority (Act No. 175 of 1950; referred to below as the "Former Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products" in the following paragraph) before the enforcement of this Cabinet Order.

- (2) The provisions of Article 5, paragraph (5) of the New Enforcement Order of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products do not apply to cases where the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries conducts investigations under Article 21, paragraph (2) of the Former Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products before the enforcement of this Cabinet Order.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 96 of March 24, 2000]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of April 1, 2000.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 234 of May 31, 2000] [Extract]

(Effective Date)

Article 1 This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date on which the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (referred to below as the "Amendment Act") comes into effect (June 10, 2000); provided, however, that the amended provisions adding nine Articles after Article 20 (limited to the part adding Article 29) come into effect as of April 1, 2001.

(Transitional Measures on Importers of Designated Agricultural and Forestry Products)

Article 2 (1) The importers of agricultural and forestry products stated in the

following items of Article 29 of the Enforcement Order of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products after the amendment by this Cabinet Order (referred to below as the "New Order" in Article 4, paragraph (2) of the Supplementary Provisions) may obtain the certification provided in Article 15-7, paragraph (1) of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products after the amendment by the Amendment Act (referred to below as the "New Act") as governed by the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (4) of the same Article even before the enforcement of the amended provisions provided in the proviso to the preceding Article.

- (2) When importers have obtained a certification pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, it is deemed that the importers have obtained the certification pursuant to the provisions of Article 15-7, paragraph (1) of the New Act on the date on which the amended provisions provided in the proviso to the preceding Article come into effect.

(Technical Replacement)

Article 3 (1) Among the provisions of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products before the amendment by the Amendment Act (referred to below as the "Former Act") which are deemed to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the terms stated in the middle column of the following table in the provisions stated in the left column of the same table are deemed to be replaced with the terms stated in the right column of the same table.

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| Article 14, paragraph (4) | Article 2, paragraph (3), item (ii) | Article 2, paragraph (3), item (ii) of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products after amendment by the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (referred to below as the "Amendment Act" for the Act Partially Amending the Act and the "New Act" for the Act after amendment) |
| Article 15-2, paragraph (1), item (i) | Article 18, paragraph (1) or (3) | Article 18, paragraphs (1) and (3) of the New Act which are applied following the deemed replacement of terms pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, paragraph (5) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |

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| Article 20, paragraph (2) | this Act | provisions of Article 14, paragraphs (3) and (4), Article 15, Article 15-2, and Article 19-2 |
| | shop and office | farm, shop, office, and business establishment |

(2) Among the provisions of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, paragraph (2) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the terms stated in the middle column of the following table in the provisions stated in the left column of the same table are deemed to be replaced with the terms stated in the right column of the same table.

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| Article 17-4, paragraph (1) | grade labeling | grade labeling (excluding labeling under Article 16, paragraph (1) of the Agricultural Products Inspection Act; the same applies below) |
| Article 20, paragraph (2) | this Act | provisions of Article 17-4 and Article 19-2 |
| | office | office and business establishment |

(3) Among the provisions of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, paragraph (3) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the terms stated in the middle column of the following table in the provisions stated in the left column of the same table are deemed to be replaced with the terms stated in the right column of the same table.

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| Article 19-3, paragraph (1) | grade labeling | grade labeling (excluding labeling under Article 16, paragraph (1) of the Agricultural Products Inspection Act; the same applies below) |
| Article 19-3, paragraph (2) | Article 2, paragraph (3), item (ii) | Article 2, paragraph (3), item (ii) of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products after amendment by the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (referred to below as the "Amendment Act" for the Act Partially Amending the Act and the "New Act" for the Act after amendment) |

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| Article 19-4 | a part of the operations related to grading | a part of the operations related to grading (including grade labeling; the same applies below) |
| | Article 18, paragraph (1), items (iv) through (vi) | Article 18, paragraph (1), items (v) through (vii) of the New Act which are applied following the deemed replacement of terms pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, paragraph (5) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
| Article 19-6, paragraph (1), item (i) | Article 18, paragraph (1) or (3) | Article 18, paragraphs (1) and (3) of the New Act which are applied following the deemed replacement of terms pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, paragraph (5) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
| Article 19-6, paragraph (1), item (iii) and paragraph (2), item (iv) | this Act | provisions of Article 19-3, paragraphs (1) through (3) and Articles 19-4 through 19-6 |
| Article 19-6, paragraph (1), item (iv) and paragraph (2), item (v) | this Act | provisions of Article 19-3, paragraphs (1) through (3) and Articles 19-4 through 19-6 |
| | office | farm, office, and business establishment |

(4) Among the provisions of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, paragraph (4) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the terms stated in the middle column of the following table in the provisions stated in the left column of the same table are deemed to be replaced with the terms stated in the right column of the same table.

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| Article 19-3-2, paragraph (1) | grade labeling | grade labeling (excluding labeling under Article 16, paragraph (1) of the Agricultural Products Inspection Act; the same applies below) |
| | agricultural and forestry products | agricultural and forestry products (including those which a grade label is affixed to their package, container, or invoice; the same applies below in this paragraph) |

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| Article 19-4 | Article 18, paragraph (1), items (iv) through (vi) | Article 18, paragraph (1), items (v) through (vii) of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products after amendment by the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (referred to below as the "Amendment Act" for the Act Partially Amending the Act and the "New Act" for the Act after amendment) which are applied by replacing the terms pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, paragraph (5) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
| Article 19-6, paragraph (4), item (i) | Article 18, paragraph (1) or (3) | Article 18, paragraphs (1) and (3) of the New Act which are applied following the deemed replacement of terms pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, paragraph (5) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
| Article 19-6, paragraph (4), item (iii) | this Act | provisions of Article 19-3-2, paragraph (1) and Articles 19-4 through 19-6 |
| Article 19-6, paragraph (4), item (iv) | this Act | provisions of Article 19-3-2, paragraph (1) and Articles 19-4 through 19-6 |
| | office | office and business establishment |

(Bearing the Expenses Required for Inspections at Factories of Overseas Manufacturers Engaged in Grading under the Former Act)

- Article 4 (1) The expenses specified by Cabinet Order provided in Article 19-6, paragraph (5) of the Former Act, which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, paragraph (3) or (4) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, are the expenses equivalent to the travel expenses required for employees to travel to the factory, farm, shop, office, business establishment, warehouse, or any other place for the inspection provided in paragraph (1), item (iv), paragraph (2), item (v), or paragraph (4), item (iv) of the same Article.
- (2) The provisions of the second sentence of Article 20 of the New Order apply mutatis mutandis to the calculation of the amount of travel expenses referred to in the preceding paragraph.

**Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 310 of June 7, 2000]
[Extract]**

(Effective Date)

Article 1 This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date on which the Act Partially Amending the Cabinet Act (Act No. 88 of 1999) comes into effect (January 6, 2001).

**Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 333 of June 7, 2000]
[Extract]**

(Effective Date)

(1) This Cabinet Order (excluding Article 1) comes into effect as of April 1, 2001.

**Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 263 of July 29, 2005]
[Extract]**

(Effective Date)

Article 1 This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of March 1, 2006; provided, however, that the amended provisions of Article 1 and the amended provisions of Article 29 (limited to the part amending "agricultural and forestry products stated in" to "food and drinks that fall under any of") comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.

(Technical Replacement)

Article 2 (1) Among the provisions of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products before the amendment by the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (referred to below as the "Amendment Act" for the Act partially amending the Act and the "Former Act" for the Act before amendment) which are deemed to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 3, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the terms stated in the middle column of the following table in the provisions stated in the left column of the same table are deemed to be replaced with the terms stated in the right column of the same table.

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| Article 14, paragraph (2) | the preceding paragraph | Article 3, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Act No. 67 of 2005; referred to below as the " Amending Amendment Act") |
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| Article 18, paragraph (2) | Article 14, paragraph (1) | Article 3, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
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(2) Among the provisions of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the terms stated in the middle column of the following table in the provisions stated in the left column of the same table are deemed to be replaced with the terms stated in the right column of the same table.

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| Article 14, paragraph (2) | the preceding paragraph | Article 4, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Act No. 67 of 2005; referred to below as the " Amendment Act") |
| Article 14, paragraph (3) | second sentence of paragraph (1) | Article 4, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
| Article 18, paragraph (2) | Article 14, paragraph (1) | Article 4, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |

(3) Among the provisions of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 5, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the terms stated in the middle column of the following table in the provisions stated in the left column of the same table are deemed to be replaced with the terms stated in the right column of the same table.

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| Article 14, paragraph (2) | the preceding paragraph | Article 5, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Act No. 67 of 2005; referred to below as the " Amendment Act") |
| Article 14, paragraph (3) | second sentence of paragraph (1) | Article 5, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
| Article 18, paragraph (2) | Article 14, paragraph (1) | Article 5, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |

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| Article 19-2 | Article 14, paragraph (1) | Article 14, paragraph (1), or Article 5, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
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(4) Among the provisions of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 6, paragraph (1) or (2) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the terms stated in the middle column of the following table in the provisions stated in the left column of the same table are deemed to be replaced with the terms stated in the right column of the same table.

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| Article 15, paragraph (3) | these provisions | Article 6, paragraph (1) or (2) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Act No. 67 of 2005; referred to below as the "Amendment Act") |
| Article 15, paragraph (4) | paragraph (1) or (2) | Article 6, paragraph (1) or (2) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
| Article 15, paragraph (5) | paragraph (1) or (2) | Article 6, paragraph (1) or (2) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
| Article 15, paragraph (9) | paragraph (1) or (2) | Article 6, paragraph (1) or (2) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
| Article 15-5, paragraph (1), item (i) | Article 18, paragraph (1) or (3) | Article 18, paragraphs (1) and (2) of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products after amendment by the Amendment Act which are applied following the deemed replacement of terms pursuant to the provisions of Article 6, paragraph (4) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
| Article 19-2 | paragraph (2) | paragraph (2), or Article 6, paragraph (1) or (2) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
| | paragraphs (1) through (3) of the same Article | Article 15, paragraphs (1) through (3), or Article 6, paragraph (1) or (2) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |

(5) Among the provisions of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 6, paragraph (5) of the

Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the terms stated in the middle column of the following table in the provisions stated in the left column of the same table are deemed to be replaced with the terms stated in the right column of the same table.

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| Article 15, paragraph (4) | or paragraph (2) | or paragraph (2), or Article 6, paragraph (1) or (2) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Act No. 67 of 2005; referred to below as the "Amendment Act") |
| Article 15, paragraph (5) | or paragraph (2) | or paragraph (2), or Article 6, paragraph (1) or (2) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |

(6) Among the provisions of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 7, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the terms stated in the middle column of the following table in the provisions stated in the left column of the same table are deemed to be replaced with the terms stated in the right column of the same table.

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| Article 15-5, paragraph (1), item (i) as applied mutatis mutandis following the deemed replacement of terms pursuant to Article 15-6, paragraph (2) | Article 18, paragraph (1) or (3) | Article 18, paragraphs (1) and (2) of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products after amendment by the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Act No. 67 of 2005; referred to below as the "Amendment Act") which are applied following the deemed replacement of terms pursuant to the provisions of Article 7, paragraph (3) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
| Article 19-2 | Article 15-6, paragraph (1) | Article 15-6, paragraph (1), or Article 7, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |

(7) Among the provisions of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 8, paragraph (1) of the

Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the terms stated in the middle column of the following table in the provisions stated in the left column of the same table are deemed to be replaced with the terms stated in the right column of the same table.

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| Article 15-5, paragraph (1), item (i) as applied mutatis mutandis following the deemed replacement of terms pursuant to Article 15-7, paragraph (4) | Article 18, paragraph (1) or (3) | Article 18, paragraphs (1) and (2) of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products after amendment by the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Act No. 67 of 2005; referred to below as the "Amendment Act") which are applied following the deemed replacement of terms pursuant to the provisions of Article 8, paragraph (3) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
| Article 19-2 | Article 15-7, paragraph (1) | Article 15-7, paragraph (1), or Article 8, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |

(8) Among the provisions of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 11, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the terms stated in the middle column of the following table in the provisions stated in the left column of the same table are deemed to be replaced with the terms stated in the right column of the same table.

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| Article 18, paragraph (2) | Article 19-2-2 | Article 11, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Act No. 67 of 2005; referred to below as the "Amendment Act") |
| Article 19-5, paragraph (1) | Article 19-2-2 | Article 11, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions to the Amendment Act |

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| Article 19-2 as applied mutatis mutandis following the deemed replacement of terms pursuant to Article 19-6-2, paragraph (2) | Article 19-2-2 | Article 19-2-2, or Article 11, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
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(9) Among the provisions of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 12, paragraph (1) or (2) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the terms stated in the middle column of the following table in the provisions stated in the left column of the same table are deemed to be replaced with the terms stated in the right column of the same table.

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| Article 19-4 | Article 18, paragraph (1), items (v) through (vii) | Article 18, paragraph (1), item (vi) or (vii) of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products after amendment by the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (referred to below as the "Amendment Act" for the Act Partially Amending the Act (Act No. 67 of 2005) and the "New Act" for the Act after amendment) which are applied following the deemed replacement of terms pursuant to the provisions of Article 12, paragraph (4) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
| Article 19-5, paragraph (4) | Article 19-3" | Article 19-3, or Article 12, paragraph (1) or (2) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act" |
| | the same Article or | Article 19-3, |
| | Article 15, paragraph (3) | Article 15, paragraph (3), or Article 12, paragraph (1) or (2) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |

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| Article 19-6, paragraph (1), item (i) | Article 18, paragraph (1) or (3) | Article 18, paragraphs (1) and (2) of the New Act applied following the deemed replacement of terms pursuant to the provisions of Article 12, paragraph (4) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
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(10) Among the provisions of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 12, paragraph (6) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the terms stated in the middle column of the following table in the provisions stated in the left column of the same table are deemed to be replaced with the terms stated in the right column of the same table.

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| Article 15, paragraph (4) as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 19-5, paragraph (2) | paragraph (1) or (2) | Article 19-3, or Article 12, paragraph (1) or (2) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Act No. 67 of 2005; referred to below as the "Amendment Act") |
| Article 15, paragraph (5) as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 19-5, paragraph (2) | paragraph (1) or (2) | Article 19-3, or Article 12, paragraph (1) or (2) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |

(11) Among the provisions of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 13, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the terms stated in the middle column of the following table in the provisions stated in the left column of the same table are deemed to be replaced with the terms stated in the right column of the same table.

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| Article 19-4 | Article 18, paragraph (1), items (v) through (vii) | Article 18, paragraph (1), item (ix) of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products after amendment by the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (referred to below as the "Amending Amendment Act" for the Act Partially Amending the Act (Act No. 67 of 2005) and the "New Act" for the Act after amendment) which are applied following the deemed replacement of terms pursuant to the provisions of Article 13, paragraph (3) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
| Article 19-5, paragraph (4) | Article 19-3-2 | Article 19-3-2, or Article 13, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |
| Article 19-6, paragraph (1), item (i) | Article 18, paragraph (1) or (3) | Article 18, paragraphs (1) and (2) of the New Act applied following the deemed replacement of terms pursuant to the provisions of Article 13, paragraph (3) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act |

(Transitional Measures on Approval for Fees Regarding Grading by the Food and Agricultural Materials Inspection Center)

Article 3 Regarding the approval for fees under Article 14, paragraph (3) of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, paragraph (1) or Article 5, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act and under Article 14, paragraph (3) of the Former Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 19-5, paragraph (1) of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 11, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the provisions of Article 3 of the Enforcement Order of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products before amendment by this Cabinet Order (referred to below as the "Former Order") (including as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 16 of the Former Order) remain in force.

(Transitional Measures on Bearing of Expenses Required for Inspections at Factories of Certified Overseas Manufacturers)

Article 4 (1) Regarding expenses required for the inspection provided in Article

19-6, paragraph (1), item (vii) of the Former Act which are deemed to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 12, paragraph (1) or (2) or Article 13, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the provisions of Article 20 of the Former Order remain in force. In this case, the term "grade six" in the same Article is replaced with "grade four."

- (2) Regarding expenses required for the inspection provided in Article 19-6-3, paragraph (2), item (iv) of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 11, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act and provided in Article 19-6-3, paragraph (2), item (iv) of the Former Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 19-6-4, paragraph (2) of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 15 of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the provisions of Article 24 of the Former Order (including as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 28 of the Former Order; the same applies below in this paragraph) remain in force. In this case, the term "grade six" in the second sentence of Article 20 of the Former Order as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 24 of the Former Order which is considered to remain in force is replaced with "grade four."

(Transitional Measures on Affairs Conducted by Prefectures)

Article 5 Regarding affairs falling under the authority of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries which may be conducted by the prefectural governor pursuant to the provisions of Article 23, paragraph (1) of the Former Act which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 5, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, the provisions of Article 30, paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (6) of the Former Order remain in force.

**Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 14 of February 1, 2006]
[Extract]**

(Effective Date)

Article 1 This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of April 1, 2006.

**Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 111 of March 30, 2007]
[Extract]**

Article 1 This Cabinet Order comes effect as of April 1, 2007.

Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 133 of April 30, 2009]

This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date on which the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Act No. 31 of 2009) comes into effect.

**Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 217 of August 14, 2009]
[Extract]**

(Effective Date)

- (1) This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date on which the Act for Establishment of the Consumer Affairs Agency and the Consumer Commission comes into effect (September 1, 2009).

**Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 68 of March 6, 2015]
[Extract]**

(Effective Date)

Article 1 This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date on which the Act comes into effect (April 1, 2015).

**Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 36 of February 3, 2016]
[Extract]**

(Effective Date)

- (1) This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of April 1, 2016.

(Transitional Measures on Dispositions)

- (2) Among dispositions, such as instructions, and other acts (referred to below as the "dispositions and other acts" in this paragraph) conducted by the prefectural governor before the enforcement of this Cabinet Order pursuant to the provisions of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products or the Food Labeling Act, those regarding administrative affairs to be conducted by the mayor of the designated city provided in Article 252-19, paragraph (1) of the Local Autonomy Act (Act No. 67 of 1947) (referred to below simply as the "designated city" in this paragraph) on or after the date on which this Cabinet Order comes into effect pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Enforcement Order of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products after the amendment by this Cabinet Order or Cabinet Order on Delegation of Authority under Article 15 of the Food Labeling Act are deemed to be the dispositions and other acts conducted by the mayor of the designated

city on or after the date.

**Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 3 of January 17, 2018]
[Extract]**

(Effective Date)

Article 1 This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date on which the Act Partially Amending the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products and the Act on the Food and Agricultural Materials Inspection Center (referred to below as the "Amendment Act" in paragraph (1) of the following Article) comes into effect (April 1, 2018).

(Transitional Measures on Study and Deliberation of Agricultural and Forestry Products Standards Council)

Article 2 (1) When the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries establishes the Japanese Agricultural Standards provided in Article 2, paragraph (2) of the Act on Japanese Agricultural Standards after the amendment by the provisions of Article 1 of the Amendment Act (Act No. 175 of 1950; referred to below as the "New Act" in this paragraph) which are considered to remain in force pursuant to the provisions of Article 2, paragraph (1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, pursuant to the provisions of Articles 3 through 5, Article 7, paragraph (1), and Article 9 of the New Act (excluding Japanese Agricultural Standards that fall under the Japanese Agricultural Standards provided in Article 2, paragraph (3) of the Act on Standardization and Proper Quality Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products before the amendment under Article 1 of the Amendment Act), the provisions of the Order of the Council for the Japanese Agricultural Standards after the amendment under Article 3 (referred to below as the "New Council Order") apply to the study and deliberation at the Agricultural and Forestry Products Standards Council.

(2) The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries may appoint temporary members as governed by the provisions of Article 2, paragraph (1) of the New Council Order, even before the date on which this Cabinet Order comes into effect (referred to below as the "effective date"). In this case, it is deemed that the temporary members have been appointed as a temporary member as of the effective date pursuant to the provisions of the same paragraph.

(Transitional Measures on Members, Expert Advisors, and Chairperson of the Council for the Standards for Agricultural and Forestry Products)

Article 3 (1) A person who is actually a member of the former Council for the Standards for Agricultural and Forestry Products (referred to below as the

"former Council" in this Article) at the time of the enforcement of this Cabinet Order is deemed as having been appointed as a member of the Council for the Japanese Agricultural Standards as of the effective date pursuant to the provisions of Article 2, paragraph (1) of the New Council Order. In this case, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3, paragraph (1) of the New Council Order, the term of office of a person deemed as having been appointed is the same as the remaining term of office of a member of the former Council as of the effective date.

- (2) A person who is actually an expert advisor of the former Council at the time of the enforcement of this Cabinet Order is deemed as having been appointed as an expert advisor of the Council for the Japanese Agricultural Standards as of the effective date pursuant to the provisions of Article 2, paragraph (2) of the New Council Order.
- (3) A person who is actually the chairperson of the former Council at the time of the enforcement of this Cabinet Order is deemed as having been appointed as the chairperson of the Council for the Japanese Agricultural Standards as of the effective date pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, paragraph (1) of the New Council Order.

**Supplementary Provisions [Cabinet Order No. 279 of August 10, 2022]
[Extract]**

(Effective Date)

Article 1 This Cabinet Order comes into effect as of the date on which the Act Partially Amending Act on Facilitating the Export of Agricultural, Forestry, and Fishery Products and Food, etc. comes into effect (October 1, 2022); provided, however, that the provisions of Article 3 come into effect as of October 1, 2025.