

Docket No. 2002N-0273

**Comments of Japan on the United States' WTO/SPS Notification
(G/SPS/N/USA/1141)**

The Government of Japan welcomes the opportunity to comment on the United States' notification (G/SPS/N/USA/1141) on substances prohibited from use in Animal food or feed.

The Food safety risk assessment related to the import of beef and beef offal from the U.S.A. and Canada by the Food Safety Commission of Japan (FSC) was completed on December 8, 2005. Regarding the feed ban, the following was noted as an addendum to the conclusion on the risk assessment report of FSC:

“To prevent BSE exposure and amplification in U.S.A and Canada, the use of SRM must be prohibited completely. The ban must be applied not only to cattle feed but also to all other animal food/feed that may cause cross-contamination.”

To accomplish the effectively enforced feed ban requested in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (CHAPTER 2.3.13, Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy), whole SRM should be excluded as high risk material from animal feed chain as the above-mentioned addendum points out.

The U.S. Government should also carry out continuous BSE surveillance sufficient to verify the efficacy of U.S. feed ban and make necessary revision of its feed regulations on a basis of its results.

The Government of Japan would like to request that the U.S. Government take account of the above comments in implementing its animal food and feed regulations.

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