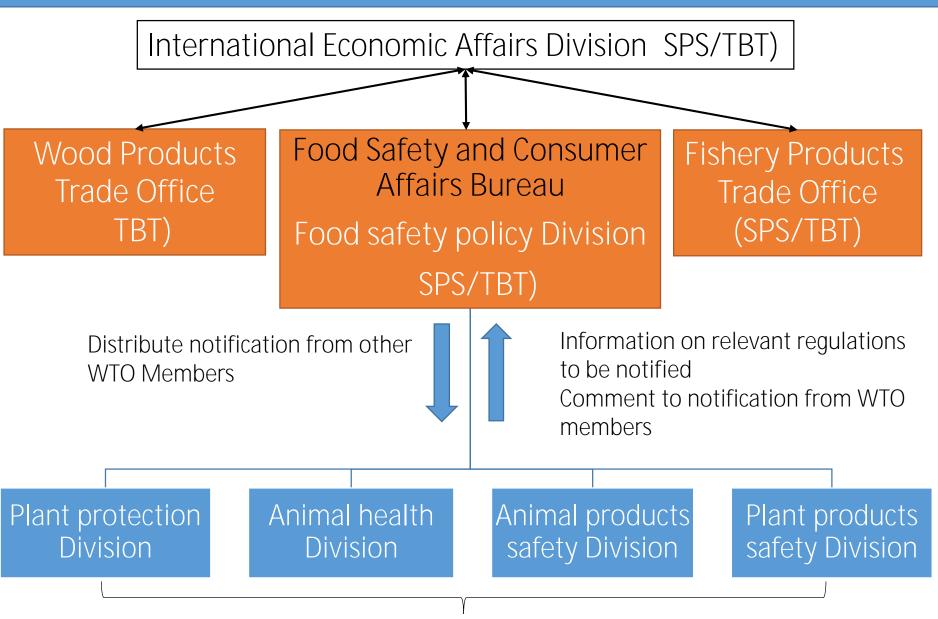
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# Implementation and Handling of SPS and TBT Notifications Japan se perience

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## MAFF's Organi ation on SPS TBT notification



## [1] Revision of the Agricultural Chemicals Control Act /MAFF

## Implementation of re-evaluation system

- All pesticides must be re-evaluated periodically
- The registration may be revoked or the Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) can be changed based on the result of periodical re-evaluation

## Change Evaluation system

The following assessments are implemented

- Risk assessment for pesticide operator
- Ecological Risk assessment
- Risk assessment for honey bee

#### [2] Revision of the Food Sanitation Act/MHLW

Improvement of sanitary regulations for food utensils and packaging

- Prohibit manufacturing and selling <u>food utensils and packaging made</u> of raw materials for which specifications are not established

## Merits of the assignment of Common SPS/TBT Enquiry point

Adjust from a <u>cross-cutting perspective</u> of SPS and TBT agreements Some regulations may have within overlapped scope of SPS/TBT. Japan properly notifies and addresses the comments submitted by members within the overlapped scope of SPS/TBT.

### Submit SPS/TBT notifications simultaneously

There is no difference of comment period between SPS/TBT. Accommodate comment period (60 days) under SPS/TBT agreements and public comment period for stakeholders.

#### **Transparency**

SPS/TBT notifications within the scope of SPS and TBT agreements will be useful to share widely to other members.