

Japanese Agricultural Standard for beef with the disclosed production information
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(Purpose)

Article 1. The purpose of this standard is to establish criteria regarding the production method for beef with the disclosed production information.

(Definition)

Article 2. In this standard, the terms in the left column of the following table shall be defined as indicated in the corresponding space in the right column.

Term	Definition
Production information	<p>The following information concerning the production of beef:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Date of birth (2) Gender (3) Name and address of the Manager (the owner of cattle or others who manage cattle) and the date on which the management by the Manager started (4) Place of the facilities for raising the cattle ("Raising Facilities") and the date on which raising in Raising Facilities started (5) Date of slaughter (6) Breed of cattle (7) Contact point of the Manager of the cattle (8) Name and contact point of the Slaughterer, and the name and place of the abattoir where the cattle were slaughtered (9) Name of fodder given by the Manager (10) Drug class and name of veterinary drugs used by the Manager (limited to veterinary drugs designated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries pursuant to Article 49 of the Pharmaceutical Affairs Law (Law No. 145, 1960) and veterinary drugs for which standards to be observed by users have been established under Article 83-4, paragraph 1 and Article 83-5 paragraph 1 of the same law; the same hereinafter)
Beef with the disclosed	Designated beef with the disclosed production information and imported beef with the disclosed production information

production information	
Designated beef with the disclosed production information	Designated beef (as stipulated by Article 2, paragraph 3 of the Law for Special Measures Concerning the Management and Relay of Information for Individual Identification of Cattle (Law No. 72, 2003); the same hereinafter) conforming to the standard mentioned in Articles 3 and 4.
Imported beef with the disclosed production information	Beef other than designated beef conforming to the standard mentioned in Articles 5 and 6.

2. The breed of cattle set forth in (6) of "Production information" in the table of the preceding paragraph is classified as follows:

- (1) Japanese Black
- (2) Japanese Brown
- (3) Japanese Shorthorn
- (4) Japanese Polled
- (5) A breed produced by crossbreeding breeds in (1) and (2) above (including breeds produced by crossbreeding this breed with breeds in (1) or (2) above)
- (6) Wagyu Crossbreed
- (7) Beef Cattle
- (8) Holstein
- (9) Jersey
- (10) Dairy Cattle
- (11) Crossbreeds

3. "Wagyu Crossbreed" in (6) of the preceding paragraph shall mean crossbreeds between the breeds in (1) to (4) of said paragraph (including breeds produced by crossbreeding this breed with breeds in (1) to (5) of said paragraph, excluding breeds in (5) of said paragraph), "Beef Cattle" in (7) of said paragraph shall mean breeds of cattle that are raised for the purpose of producing beef and whose parent cattle are not breeds in (8) to (10) of said paragraph (excluding breeds in (1) to (6) and (11) of said paragraph), "Dairy Cattle" in (10) of said paragraph shall mean breeds of cattle whose cows are raised solely for the purpose of producing milk (excluding breeds in (8) and (9) of said paragraph), and "Crossbreeds" in (11) of said paragraph shall mean crossbreeds between the breeds in (1) to (7) of said paragraph and those in (8) to (10) of said paragraph (including breeds produced by crossbreeding this breed with breeds in (8) to (10) of said paragraph).

4. The drug class specified in (10) "production information" in the table of Paragraph 1 is classified as follows:

- (1) Anesthetics
- (2) Hypnotic sedatives
- (3) Analgesic-antipyretic and antiinflammatory agents
- (4) Antispasmodics
- (5) Autonomics
- (6) Cardiotonics
- (7) Anti-tussive expectorants
- (8) Diuretics
- (9) Cardiovascular agents, agents affecting respiratory organs and agents for urinary system excepting those set forth in (6) to (8)
- (10) Hormones for medical purposes
- (11) Oxytocics
- (12) Sulfonamide preparations
- (13) Synthetic antimicrobial agents
- (14) Antiprotozoan agents
- (15) Antibiotic preparations
- (16) Anthelmintics
- (17) Anti-dermo-infectives excepting those set forth in (12) to (16)
- (18) Vaccines
- (19) Antisera
- (20) Biological preparations for medical purposes excepting those set forth in (18) to (19)

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Article 3. The following are criteria for the method of production of designated beef with the disclosed production information.

	Standard
Recording and storage of production information	<p>The following production information shall be precisely recorded and stored:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Name of fodder fed by the Manager (2) Drug class and name of veterinary drugs used by the Manager (3) Date of birth in case of beef from imported cattle (4) Name and contact point of the Manager who managed cattle from birth to import, and date on which management by the Manager

	<p>commenced in case of beef from imported cattle</p> <p>(5) Place of the Raising Facility of cattle from birth to import, and date on which raising there started in case of beef from imported cattle</p> <p>(6) Contact point of the Manager who managed cattle from birth to import in case of beef from imported cattle</p>
Disclosure method	The production information shall be literally disclosed for each head of cattle. However, if it is difficult to identify which animal the beef was derived from, it shall be literally disclosed for every lot of not more than twenty animals.

Article 4. The following is the quality labeling standard for designated beef with the disclosed production information.

	Standard
Labeling items	The method to disclose the production information shall be labeled. However, it can be omitted when the production information is literally indicated in a place such as an easily visible place on the container or packaging, invoice or delivery card by sellers other than retailers, and in an easily visible place on the container or packaging, a notice close to the beef or any other easily visible location by retail sellers.
Labeling method	<p>The items set forth in Article 3, paragraph 1, (1) of the Quality Labeling Standard for Perishable Foods and method to disclose the production information shall be indicated as follows:</p> <p>(1) Title "Beef with the disclosed production information" shall be indicated in parentheses following the general name of the content.</p> <p>(2) Method to disclose the production information Contact point to obtain the production information, such as a fax number or homepage address, shall be indicated in a place such as an easily visible place on the container or packaging, invoice or delivery card by sellers other than retailers, and in an easily visible place on the container or packaging, a notice close to the beef or any other easily visible place by retail sellers.</p>
Labeling prohibitions	Terms which contradict the production information recorded pursuant to the preceding article of this standard and Article 3 of the Law for Special Measures Concerning the Management and Relay of Information for Individual Identification of Cattle, and the method to disclose the production information shall not be used.

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Article 5. The criteria for the production method of imported beef with the disclosed production information require the precise recording of production information on each animal and the keeping and literal disclosure of such records. However, if it is difficult to identify which animal beef was derived from, it shall be literally disclosed for every lot of no more than twenty animals.

Article 6. The following is the quality labeling standard for imported beef with the disclosed production information.

Item	Standard
Labeling items	<p>The following items shall be labeled. However, the items set forth in (3) can be omitted when the production information is literally indicated in a place such as an easily visible place on the container or packaging, invoice or delivery card by sellers other than retailers, and in an easily visible place on the container or packaging, a notice close to the beef or any other easily visible place by retail sellers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Individual identification of the cattle (a number or similar indication to identify the individual cattle; the same hereinafter) (2) Lot number (a number or similar indication to identify the lot; the same hereinafter) instead of the particulars set forth in (1) where production information is disclosed for each lot in accordance with the proviso of the preceding article. (3) Method to disclose the production information
Labeling method	<p>The items set forth in Article 3, paragraph 1,(1) of the Quality Labeling Standard for Perishable Foods, individual identification of cattle, lot number and method to disclose the production information shall be indicated as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Title <p>“Beef with the disclosed production information” shall be indicated in parentheses following the general name of the content.</p> (2) Individual identification number or lot number <p>This information shall be indicated in a place such as an easily visible place on the container or packaging, invoice or delivery card by sellers other than retailers, and in an easily visible place on the container or packaging, a notice close to the beef or any other easily visible place by retail sellers.</p> (3) Method to disclose the production information <p>Contact point to obtain production information, such as a fax number or homepage address, shall be indicated in a place such as an easily visible place on the container or packaging, invoice or delivery card by sellers other than retailers, and in an easily visible</p>

	place the container or packaging, a notice close to the beef or any other easily visible place by retail sellers.
Labeling prohibitions	Terms which contradict particulars stipulated in the paragraph on "Labeling items" and the disclosed production information stipulated in the preceding article shall not be used.

Supplementary Provisions

(The date of enforcement)

Article 1. This notification shall come into force on December 1, 2003

(An exception to quality labeling standard for designated beef with the disclosed production information)

Article 2. The table in Article 4 is replaced by following table until November 30, 2004.

Item	Standard
Labeling items	<p>The following items shall be labeled. However, the items set forth in (3) can be omitted when the production information is literally indicated in a place such as an easily visible place on the container or packaging, invoice or delivery card by sellers other than retailers, and in an easily visible place on the container or packaging, a notice close to the beef or any other easily visible place by retail sellers.</p> <p>(1) Individual identification number (as stipulated by Article 2 of the Law for Special Measures Concerning the Management and Relay of Information for Individual Identification of Cattle; the same hereinafter)</p> <p>(2) Lot number (a number or similar indication to identify the lot; the same hereinafter) instead of the items set forth in (1) where production information is disclosed for each lot in accordance with the proviso concerning disclosure method in the preceding article.</p> <p>(3) Method to provide the production information</p>
Labeling method	<p>The items set forth in Article 3, paragraph 1, (1) of the Quality Labeling Standard for Perishable Foods, individual identification of cattle, lot number and method to disclose the production information shall be indicated as follows:</p> <p>(1) Title "Beef with the disclosed production information" shall be indicated in parentheses following the general name of the content.</p> <p>(2) Individual identification of cattle or lot number</p>

	<p>This information shall be indicated in a place such as an easily visible place on the container or packaging, invoice or delivery card by sellers other than retailers, and in an easily visible place on the container or packaging, a notice close to the beef or any other easily visible place by retail sellers.</p> <p>(3) Method to disclose the production information</p> <p>Contact point to obtain production information, such as a fax number or homepage address, shall be indicated in a place such as an easily visible place on the container or packaging, invoice or delivery card by sellers other than retailers, and in an easily visible place on the container or packaging, a notice close to the beef or any other easily visible place by retail sellers.</p>
Labeling prohibitions	<p>Terms which contradict the production information recorded pursuant to the preceding article of this standard and Article 3 of the Law for Special Measures Concerning the Management and Relay of Information for Individual Identification of Cattle, and the method to disclose the production information shall not be used.</p>