Regarding the main object persons of the institution

**Manager**

Managers mean persons who manage cattle (except transport operators who have received commissions for transportation of cattle). Concretely speaking, a) owners of cattle, b) administrators of cooperative nursing and fostering centers, breeding centers or fattening centers, c) administrators of public farms raising cattle, d) experiment and research organizations, e) educational organizations raising cattle and f) receiving traders fall under the category. Managers are necessary to report the birth, etc., of cattle and attach ear tags.

**Slaughterer**

Slaughterers mean persons who slaughter cattle. Slaughterers are necessary to report the slaughter of cattle, indicate the Individual Identification Numbers of said cattle on said Designated Beef (Note), record and preserve items concerning the delivery (maintenance of registers).

**Seller**

Sellers mean persons who engage in the business of selling beef, and wholesalers of carcasses, etc., and retailers of dressed beef fall under the category. Manufacturers who produce, process, sell beef products by wholesale and home-meal replacement dealers who cook packed lunches, etc., and retail them are excluded from the category.

Sellers are necessary to indicate the Individual Identification Numbers (or lot numbers which clearly correspond to the Individual Identification Numbers) on Designated Beef (or its containers, etc.) for selling and also record and preserve (maintenance of registers) items concerning buying-in and selling of Designated Beef.

**Suppliers of Designated Cuisine**

Suppliers of Designated Cuisine mean persons, among those who engage in the business of supplying Designated Cuisine (“yakiniku,” “shabu-shabu,” “mikyaki” and “steak”), who supply cuisine as their main business, which is mainly composed of Designated Cuisine.

Suppliers of Designated Cuisine are necessary to indicate the Individual Identification Numbers (or lot numbers which clearly correspond to the Individual Identification Numbers) on Designated Cuisine (or easily viewable parts in their shops) and also record and preserve (maintenance of registers) items concerning buying-in of Designated Beef when they supply the Designated Cuisine that uses Designated Beef as its principal ingredient.

(Note) Designated Beef means the beef obtained from the cattle recorded in an Individual Identification Register. Carcasses and cut meat in the wholesale and dressed meat in the retail fall under the category. Bones, tongue, chopped meat, ground meat, the manufactured or processed products and the cooked products which were made from beef are excluded.

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**Beef traceability and individual identification of cattle**

Outline of the system based on the law for special measures concerning the management and relay of information for individual identification of cattle

- **Attachment of ear tags**
  - Ear tags bearing ten-figure Individual Identification Numbers are attached to all domestic and imported cattle.

- **Databasing of cattle**
  - Localities of raising facilities, etc., of cattle from birth to slaughter (slaughter and dressing of carcasses for processing meat) through fattening for beef cattle, or those from birth to disuse and slaughter through production of raw milk for dairy cattle, as well as gender and breeds (such as Japanese Black Cattle) of the cattle are recorded in databases with Individual Identification Numbers.

- **Indication and recording of the numbers**
  - After the cattle were slaughtered and processed into beef, the Individual Identification Numbers are indicated by the sellers involved in the deals in the process of processing and distributing meat as carcass, cut meat and dressed meat, and the other ends of purchases, etc., are recorded and preserved in registers.

- **Possible to track and trace back**
  - This enables us to track and trace back beef from birth of cattle to its supply to consumers. In other words, it is possible to grasp information on the history of beef production and distribution (beef traceability). (It is possible to refer to the history of cattle production via the Internet by checking Individual Identification Numbers indicated on purchased beef.)

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*As for laws and related prescriptions, please see “Traceability” in the website of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (http://www.maff.go.jp/trace/beef_trace18.pdf).*
“The Law for Special Measures Concerning the Management and Relay of Information for Individual Identification of Cattle” was fully put into effect in December, 2004, to ensure consumer trust in the safety of beef and the proper implementation of measures to prevent the spread of BSE and to construct the cattle individual identification information relay system (cattle traceability system) for the correct relay of said Individual Identification Numbers through all stages from production to distribution, as well as for centralized management of cattle through the use of Individual Identification Numbers.

- Attachment of ear tags on which Individual Identification Numbers are printed on both ears of cattle (Removal of ear tags is prohibited)
- Indication and relay of Individual Identification Numbers on Designated Beef (or its containers, etc.)
- Report to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- Preparation of Individual Identification Registers by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- Sale and delivery of cattle
- Maintenance of registers
- Public disclosure of production histories of cattle via Internet
- Notification of birth
- Notification of imported cattle
- Notification of death
- Notification of export
- Record and preservation of sale, etc.
- Information on individual cattle
- Official inspection
- DNA testing

Information on individual cattle

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Locality of raising: Iwate-ken
Contents of transfer: Birth
Date of transfer: May 21, 2001
Address: Iwate Station Administrative Institution

Locality of raising: Fukushima-ken
Contents of transfer: Move-out
Date of transfer: Aug. 08, 2004
Address: Tokyo Metropolitan Shibaura Slaughter House

Other parties of transfer: Manager/Importer, Exporter, Slaughterer, Seller, Designated Cuisine supplier

(Notes) Information on all the managers concerned from birth to slaughter of cattle, breed of cattle, date of birth, gender, individual identification number of maternal parent, etc.

Public disclosure of production histories of cattle via Internet

Individual Identification Numbers indicated on dressed beef, etc. make it possible to search the production histories of cattle.