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Report Highlights:

On December 17, 2024, Japan’s Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) invited public comments on a revision to the Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS) for Chicken Eggs and Meat by Sustainable System. This JAS standard was first introduced in 2020. This revision especially proposes to refer MAFF notifications as the references for considering animal welfare. MAFF will accept comments in Japanese only, with a deadline of January 15, 2025.

General Information:

On December 17, 2024, Japan’s Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) invited [public comments](#) on the revised Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS) for miso. The proposed revision is available [here](#) (in Japanese). MAFF proposes the following MAFF notifications as guidelines in terms of considering animal welfare:

“Based on the concept of animal welfare, efforts must be made to improve the rearing environment for laying hens and broiler chickens.

Note: For animal welfare efforts, refer to the Technical Guidelines for the Rearing and Management of Laying Hens (Notification No. 1066 of the Livestock Bureau, MAFF, dated July 26, 2023) for laying hens, and the Technical Guidelines for the Rearing and Management of Broilers (Notification No. 1067 of the Livestock Bureau, MAFF, dated July 26, 2023) for broiler chickens.”

MAFF first introduced [JAS 0013 Chicken Eggs and Meat by Sustainable System](#) on March 17, 2020. JAS standards are voluntary and overseen by MAFF under the [Act on Japanese Agricultural Standards \(JA2019-0195\)](#). A JAS label is displayed on JAS-certified products to inform consumers that the products meet established JAS requirements ([JA8095](#)). Each JAS standard undergoes a review process at least every five years to determine if it remains appropriate or requires revision.

Submitting comments:

Comments should be submitted [in Japanese](#) no later than January 15, 2025 by mail or through the [e-Gov website](#).

Mail comments to: 〒100-8950 1-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

To: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Minister’s Secretariat, New Business and Food Industry Department, Food Manufacture Affairs Division, Standards and Conformity Assessment Policy Office

Comments via e-Gov websites: Go to [e-Gov](#). After agreeing the conditions, click “意見入力へ” to submit your comments.

Attachments:

No Attachments.