

To: All JAS certified producers,

Subject: Have you completed for the certification under the revised JAS law?

JAS certification approved before February 28, 2006, will expire at the end of February 2009.

Those producers who were approved before February 28, 2006 and have desire to remain certified need to be re-certified under the JAS law that came into effect on March 1, 2006 (hereafter abbreviated as “the revised JAS law”) by March 1, 2009.

We encourage those who have not been certified in accordance with the revised JAS law to contact the registered certifying bodies as soon as possible and start the re-certification procedures.

Producers who are not re-certified will not be able to attach JAS mark on their products on and after March 1, 2009. If they do so without the re-certification, it will be regarded as violation of JAS law.

You may obtain information of the revised JAS law through the following websites.

In Japanese (MAFF):

http://www.maff.go.jp/j/jas/pdf/pamph_a.pdf

In English (Japanese Agricultural Standards Association)

<http://www.jasnet.or.jp/jigyousinjas/panfuEG18.pdf>

In Chinese (Japanese Agricultural Standards Association)

<http://www.jasnet.or.jp/jigyousinjas/panfuCh18.pdf>

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Yours sincerely,

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Contact:

- + 81-3-6744-2098 (for inquiry about JAS standards for foods in general, Specific JAS Standard with Production Information and Specific JAS Standards (Meat Products and Naturally Grown Chicken))
- + 81-3-6744-2097 (for inquiry about JAS standards for forestry products in general)
- + 81-3-6744-2098 (for inquiry about JAS standards for organic foods)