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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF 2-3 NOVEMBER 2017

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT¹

*Corrigendum**

Please note that paragraph 2.1. should read as follows:

2.1. Japan provided an update on the developments since the last Committee meeting, reporting on the most recent data from its food monitoring programme. The data showed that the rate of products exceeding the Japanese standard limits had decreased and all the test results, with the exception of edible fungi, wild plants and game meats, were below the Codex guideline level. Japan highlighted the comprehensive measures taken by its relevant ministries to achieving these results. Japan thanked the United States and Pakistan for lifting their import restrictions. Japan reported that 50 out of the 54 Members who had introduced import restrictions on Japanese foods had either lifted or eased these restrictions. Japan expressed its appreciation for the visits from governmental and private sector representatives and for the invitations extended to Japanese officials for bilateral discussions. Japan signalled openness for further visits from Members to better assess the current food safety situation. Japan also recalled that the FAO and IAEA had acknowledged and evaluated the efforts made by Japan to ensure food safety.

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