

Preparation and Analysis of Agriculture Notifications in Japan

- An Overview of SSG application in Japan

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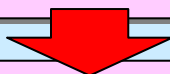
I . Summary of the Process for Agriculture Notifications in Japan

Accumulation of know-how on the notification process and allocation of staff dedicated to the process

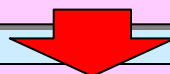
(1)Ministry of Agriculture: (MAFF); (2)Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA); (3) Ministry of Finance (MOF)

Preparation

Collection and provision of information and data required to prepare the notification (MAFF, MOFA and MOF)



Preparation and elaboration of the draft notification (MAFF, MOFA and MOF)



Submission of the notification to the WTO Secretariat (MOFA in Tokyo and the Permanent Mission in Geneva)

Analysis

Downloading of notifications from the WTO website and their analysis (MAFF)

II. Information Required for Preparation of Notifications on Special Safeguards (SSGs) and its Data Sources

○ Notifications on volume-based SSGs (MA:3)

- Description of product
- Tariff item number
- Trigger level (including information required for the calculation of the trigger level)
- Volume of imports entering territory in current period
- Period of application

Data Source

Trade statistics of Japan

Relevant provisions in the Temporary Tariff Measures Law

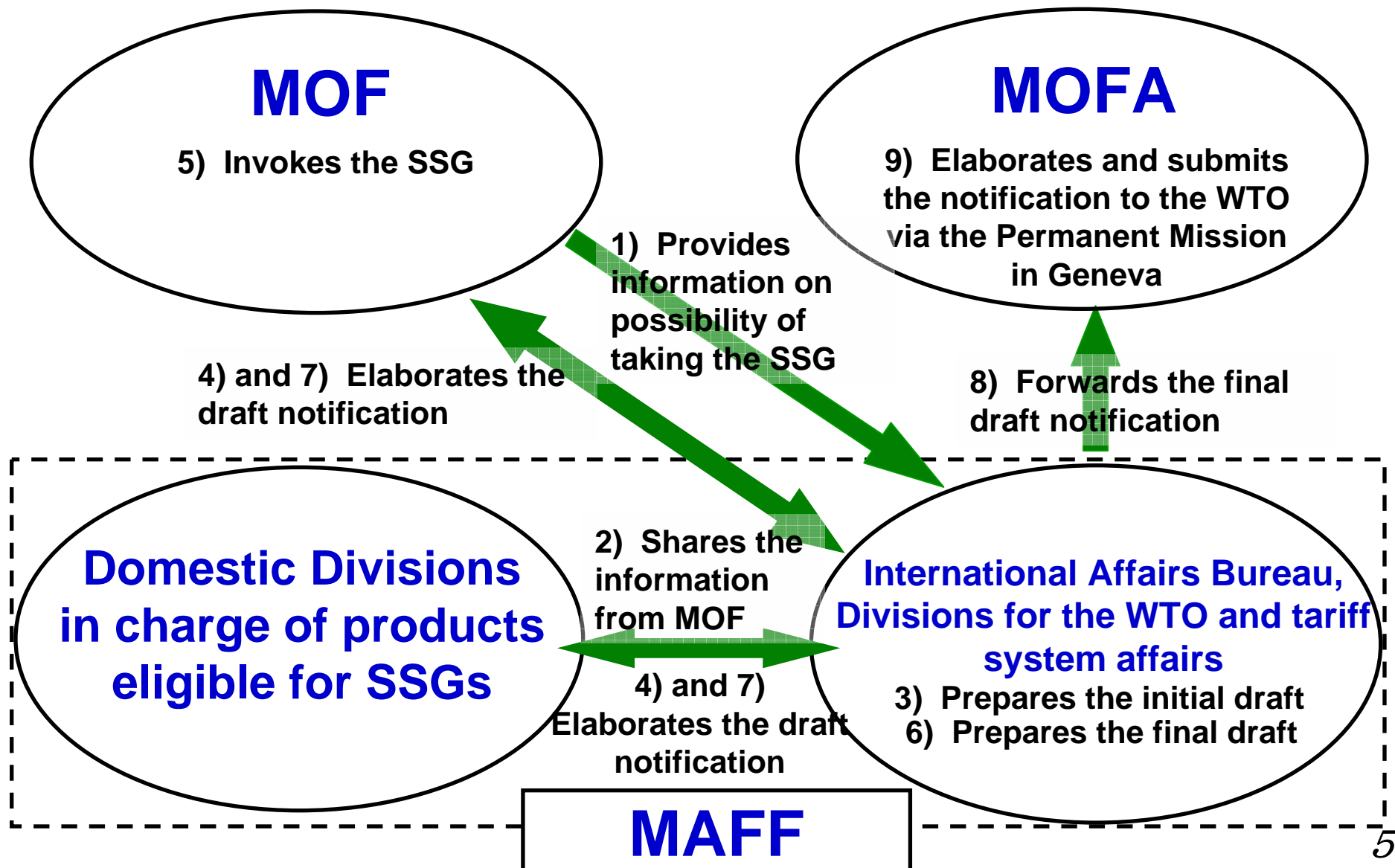
○ Notifications on price-based SSGs (MA:4)

- Description of product
- Tariff item number
- Trigger price (including information required for the calculation of the trigger price)

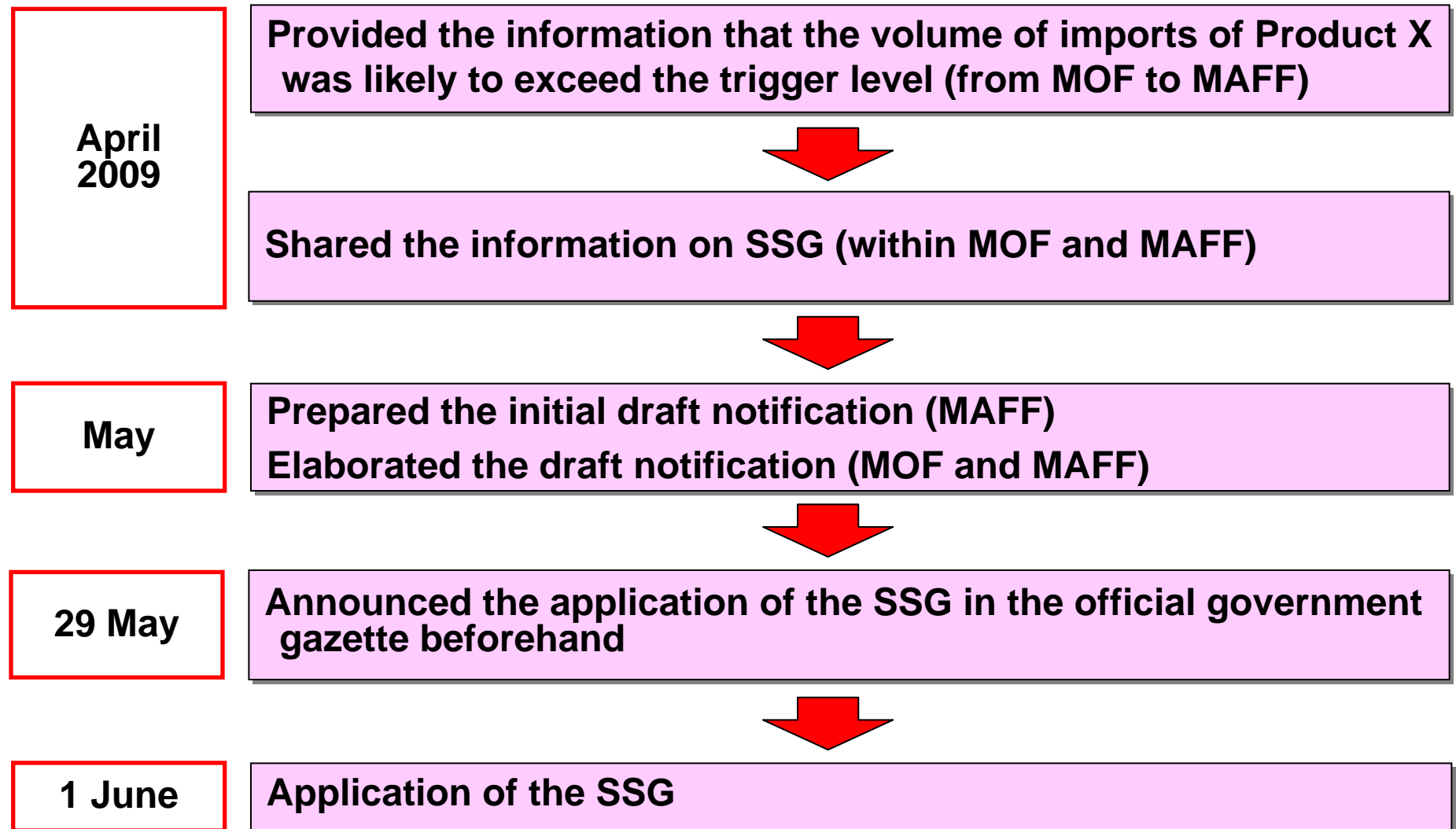
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III. An Example of Actual Work on Notifications: Preparation of Notifications on Volume-based SSGs

1. Roles of Each Authority Concerned with Notifications



III. 2-1. Timeline of the work on preparation of notifications (Before the invocation of the volume-based SSG)



III. 2-2. Timeline of the work on preparation of notifications (After the invocation of the volume-based SSG)

