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## **Japanese Government Approves Genetic ID's Bt10 Testing**

(July 11, 2005) The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan confirmed acceptance July 1<sup>st</sup> of GENETIC ID's Bt10 testing for imports into Japan. **The test follows the Bt10 detection protocol of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan.**

MAFF confirmed GENETIC ID's acceptance under 17 SHOUAN 2395 which specifies that Bt10 testing at the export port must fulfill the following criteria:

- Corn sample size must be more than 500g.
- The testing protocol must be third-party validated.
- The testing lab must be accredited by an independent third party under ISO17025 or an equivalent standard.

The following facts have been confirmed by MAFF of Japan:

- GENETIC ID uses the Japanese government Bt10 detection protocol of MHLW and also the EU official protocol. These protocols are both third-party validated.
- The GENETIC ID laboratory has been accredited to ISO 17025 by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS).

As a result, the GENETIC ID Bt10 test report can now be used to fulfill the requirement for an export certificate regarding absence of Bt10 in corn shipments to Japan.

The following statement now appears on test reports issued by GENETIC ID for the Official Japanese Bt10 Test Method:

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GENETIC ID Bt10 testing satisfies MAFF Administrative Notice 17 SHOUAN 2395, dated June 9th, 2005. GENETIC ID fulfills all requirements under 17 SHOUAN 2395 regarding Bt10 D qualitative testing for corn exports to Japan.

1. GENETIC ID follows the Bt10 detection protocol of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan as well as the EU Bt10 detection protocol.
2. The GENETIC ID laboratory is accredited to ISO17025 by UKAS

Acceptance of the GENETIC ID Bt10 testing laboratory has been confirmed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan.

If clarification is needed, please contact the following office:

Veterinary Drug and Feed Safety Office,  
Animal Health and Animal Products Safety Division  
Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan

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