

## Abstract

### “An Evaluation of Japan’s Recent Safeguards Actions”

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In April 2001, for the first time in its history, Japan introduced provisional safeguard measures on three agricultural products. The first part of this paper will provide the political and economic background that led Japan to adopt the provisional measures, and will examine why Japan decided not to move on to definitive safeguard measures after an eight-month dispute against China. The second part of the paper will discuss the legal and economic characteristics of safeguard-related domestic laws in Japan and will compare them with the U.S. laws.