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Dr. Tomoko Ishibashi is Senior Manager at the OIE's International Trade Department, having spent nearly ten years at OIE Headquarters in Paris and its Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific in Tokyo. A qualified veterinarian, Tomoko represents the OIE at many meetings and conferences.

Before joining the OIE, she was a policy official at Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries where her experience extends from domestic animal health policy to trade negotiations for agri-food products, starting from the GATT Uruguay Round, and including development and implementation of a tagging program and computer database to track the movement of all cattle nationwide, which became an urgent priority at the discovery of BSE cases in 2001.