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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Fertilizer (HS: 3101)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft amendment of the Ministerial Notification No.1163 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of 2000 (1 page(s), in English)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Current fertilizer labelling, forces operators to change labels on packaging materials even with a minor change in manufacturing process, leading to increase in production cost. To reduce the production cost, fertilizer labelling requirements are to be simplified.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> To revise the Ministerial Notification No.1163 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of 2000, which promotes agricultural productivity.
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Fertilizer Regulation Act (1950 Law No.127). When adopted, this is to be publicised in the Official Gazette, "KAMPO" (Available in Japanese).
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> April 2018 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> April 2018
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 30 days from notification
11.	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b> Japan TBT Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Tell: (+81) 3 5501 8344 Fax: (+81) 3 5501 8343  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/JPN/18_1367_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/JPN/18_1367_00_e.pdf</a>