Notification in line with Article 2.6.1

The following notification has been received from the delegation of Japan. It is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4 of the Agreement.

Japan

Notification in line with Article 2.6.1 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade

In adherence to the Statement of Policy Intent of the Government of Japan of 14 December 1979 (L/4913), I hereby transmit to you, under instructions, the attached notification concerning an amendment to the technical regulation on the use of "hydrogen peroxide" as a food additive, and request the secretariat through you, in line with Article 2.6.1 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, to notify Parties to the Agreement of the said amendment.

May I add that the present notification is made without prejudice to any notification procedures which may be agreed upon in the future by the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade.

80.4.1. (i) Subject
Amendment to the regulation on the use of "hydrogen peroxide" (Tariff number 28.54) as a food additive.

(ii) Products covered by the regulation
Foods containing hydrogen peroxide as an additive such as noodle and boiled fish paste.

(iii) Objective and rationale
The test conducted with regard to this food additive has shown that it is carcinogenic. For the protection of health the Japanese Government made the following amendment to its regulation: the use of hydrogen peroxide in foods shall not be allowed unless the foods using it are completely free from its residue.

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This amendment was promulgated on 20 February 1980 and will be put in force on 1 October 1980.

(iv) The competent authorities

Food Chemistry Division, Environmental Health Bureau of the Ministry of Health and Welfare.

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