The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: **JAPAN**

2. Agency responsible: Fertilizer and Machinery Division, Agricultural Production Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [x], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   Nitrogenous fertilizers, potassic fertilizers and other fertilizers (CCCN: 31.02, 31.04, 31.05, 23.03)

5. Title: Amendment to official standards for ordinary fertilizers in accordance with the Fertilizer Control Law

6. Description of content:
   (1) (i) To permit the use of new materials for coating concerning coated urea and (ii) to decrease the minimum contents of total nitrogen in coated urea.
   (2) To permit the use of new raw materials concerning potassium silicate fertilizers and magnesium humate fertilizers.
   (3) To establish the regulation on contents of cadmium concerning dried microbes fertilizers.
   (4) To abolish provisions which require the use of facilitating materials for sticking concerning fertilizers (e.g. mixed fertilizers of the first class) mixing iron, copper, zinc or molybdenum.
   (5) To abolish official standards on by-product fertilizers from cornstarch, etc.

7. Objective and rationale: For maintaining the quality of fertilizers

8. Relevant documents: Basic document is the Fertilizer Control Law. The Amendment will be appearing in KAMPO (Official Government Gazette), when adopted.

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: The Amendment will be adopted on 10 December 1981 and will be put into force on 10 January 1982.

10. Final date for comments: 5 December 1981

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [x] or address of other body: