NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: JAPAN

2. Agency responsible: Food Chemistry Division, Environmental Health Bureau, Ministry of Health and Welfare

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):
Potassium Bromate (CCCN: 28.32)

5. Title: Amendment to the Standards and Specifications of Food, Food Additives etc.¹

6. Description of contents: To revise the Standards of Usage of Potassium Bromate as follows:

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<th>Current standards</th>
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<td>Permitted usage</td>
<td>Maximal level of use</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wheat flour</td>
<td>0.05 g/kg. (as bromic acid)</td>
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<td>Fish paste products (except minced fish)</td>
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7. Objective and rationale: For protection of the public from health hazard. Carcinogenicity of Potassium Bromate was confirmed by the Expert Committee after evaluating the results of animal carcinogenicity study conducted in accordance with internationally recommended methodology, which has recently been completed. The study revealed that after potassium bromate in drinking water had been given to male and female F-344 rats for 110 weeks, the following incidences of renal carcinoma were found: 83 per cent in 500 ppm group and 57 per cent in 250 ppm group, compared with 3 per cent in the control (0 ppm) group.


9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: The regulation will be adopted on 1 July 1982. The date of entry into force, however, is not yet determined.

10. Final date for comments: 30 June 1982

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

¹Technical documentation is available for consultation in the GATT secretariat, Centre William Rappard, Office No. 1073.