NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: JAPAN

2. Agency responsible: Consumers Economy Division, Food and Marketing 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):
   Bacon and ham (CCCN No. 02.06)

5. Title: Amendment to labelling standards for bacon and ham

6. Description of content:
   1. Ham:
      (a) With regard to lachs ham, the definition is revised to make clear that these products are non-heated meat products and the following items, that is, "other labelling items" and "Method of labelling" are eliminated from the existing labelling items.
      (b) With regard to non-heated ham with bones, the indication that the products are non-heated meat products is required to be given near the space for the name of the products.

   2. Bacon:
      (a) With regard to non-heated bacon, the indication that the products are non-heated meat products is required to be given near the space for the name of the products.
      (b) "Preservation temperature" which is required by the existing labelling standards is changed to "Storage instruction" and "Minimum durability period" is added to the existing labelling items.
      (c) With regard to bacon, loin bacon, and shoulder bacon which are cut into blocks or slices, "Date of processing and packing" and "Name of processor and packer" are added to the existing labelling items.

7. Objective and rationale: For consumer protection

8. Relevant documents: Basic document is the Law concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forestry Products.

The standards will be published in KAMPO (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Not yet determined

10. Final date for comments: 30 July 1982

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