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):
   (Food Additives) Sodium Bisulphite, Sodium Sulphite (crystal and anhydrous), Sodium Hyposulphite, Sulphur Dioxide, Potassium Metabisulphite (28.37), Benzoic Acid, Sodium Benzoate (29.14), Sorbic Acid, Potassium Sorbate (29.14), Propionic Acid, Sodium Propionate, Calcium Propionate (29.14) Sodium Nitrite (28.39), Sodium Citrate (29.16).

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

6. Description of content: (1) To permit the usage of all sulphites (28.37) described in 4 above in hop. (2) To permit the usage of benzoic acid, sodium benzoate, sorbic acid and potassium sorbate in margarine. The total amount of these additives shall be not more than 1 gr. per 1 kg. of margarine. (The amount of sodium benzoate and potassium sorbate shall be calculated in terms of benzoic acid and sorbic acid respectively). (3) To permit the usage of sorbic acid and potassium sorbate in cream used for confectionery. The amount of these additives shall be not more than 1 gr. per 1 kg. of cream. (4) To permit the usage of sorbic acid, potassium sorbate, propionic acid, sodium propionate and calcium propionate in cheese. The amount of these additives shall be not more than 3 gr. per 1 kg. of cheese. (The amount of potassium sorbate, sodium propionate and calcium propionate shall be calculated in terms of sorbic acid and propionic acid respectively). (5) To permit the usage of sodium nitrite in cod roe. It shall be used so that the residual nitrites do not exceed 5 mg. per 1 kg. of cod roe. (6) To amend the specification of composition of sodium citrate.

7. Objective and rationale: For public health.

8. Relevant documents: Basic document is the Food Sanitation Law.
   The standards and specifications will appear in KAMPO (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.


10. Final date for comments: 30 June 1983

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