NOTIFICATION

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

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

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

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

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Ordinary Fertilizer (CCCN 3102, 3103, 3104, 3105)

5. Title: Amendment to the Fertilizer Control Law

6. Description of content: Registration or provisional registration of fertilizer produced outside Japan:
   - (1) The foreign manufacturers who produce ordinary fertilizer to be exported to Japan will be able to get the registration or provisional registration by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.
   - (2) Manufacturers who wish to get the registration or provisional registration according to (1) will be required to designate an agent in Japan.
   - (3) Manufacturers who have obtained registration or provisional registration according to (1) will be subject to the same obligations as domestic manufacturers. Agents in Japan will be subject to obligations such as keeping of records.

7. Objective and rationale: To ensure in terms of legal systems that there be no discrimination between nationals and non-nationals in certification procedures.

8. Relevant documents: Basic document is the Fertilizer Control Law.

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

10. Final date for comments: The purpose of this amendment is to proceed further with the opening of the Japanese market by ensuring in terms of legal systems that there be no discrimination between nationals and non-nationals in certification procedures, in the light of the views and requests presented by Japan's trading partners.

   Given the urgent nature of this legislation, it has been decided by the Cabinet to present the legislation promptly to the current session of the Diet. Such being the case, there will be no comment period for this legislation.

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