NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: JAPAN

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Health and Welfare

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): Enriched foods and foods for special dietary use

5. Title: Amendment to the Nutrition Improvement Law

6. Description of content:
   (1) Those who wish to affix the mark of enriched foods and foods for special dietary use in foreign countries will be able to obtain approval from the Minister of Health and Welfare.
   (2) Those who import foods to which the mark of enriched foods and foods for special dietary use is attached without permit or approval are required to obtain permit of the Minister of Health and Welfare.

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 Nutrition Improvement Law

9. Proposed dates 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: 83-0921