**NOTIFICATION**

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

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

2. **Agency responsible:** Ministry of International Trade and Industry  
   Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

3. **Notified under Article**  
   2.5.2 [ ], 2.6.1 [ ], 7.3.2 [X], 7.4.1 [ ], Other:

4. **Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):**  
   - "First-class" specific consumer products
   - "Second-class" specific consumer products  
   (it is not yet determined which product shall be designated)

5. **Title:** Amendment to the Consumer Product Safety Law

6. **Description of content:**  
   (1) "Specific products" under regulation by the Law shall be classified into the following two classes:  
   (a) "First-class" specific products  
      Products which are recognized to be difficult for certain manufacturers or importers to ensure quality to  
      prevent injury to the life or body of the general consumer  
   (b) "Second-class" specific products  
      Those products other than "first-class" specific products

6. **Description of content:**  
   (2) As regards the "first-class" specific products, the existing rules on government-certification (inspection or  
   registration and type-approval system) shall continue to be applied.

   (3) As regards the "second-class" specific products, self-certification system shall be newly introduced as follows:  
   Manufacturers or importers of "second-class" specific products may affix the "S mark" (sale of specific products  
   without which is prohibited) by themselves if they make certain notifications to the Government and certify conformity  
   to the safety standards by themselves.

7. **Objective and rationale:** To improve access to Japanese markets. (Transition from government-certification  
   to self-certification.)

8. **Relevant documents:** The amendment will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.

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 reduction of government intervention.

    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 commenting period for this  
    legislation. However, enough commenting period will be provided when the relevant draft ordinances which stipulate  
    the detail of this amendment will be notified.

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

85-2138