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

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


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):

   New chemical substances excluding those which are used for the following purposes: (1) food, food additives, food packaging, toys for infants, vegetable or dishwashing detergents (2) agricultural chemicals (3) ordinary fertilizers (4) feeds, feed additives (5) pharmaceuticals, quasi-drugs, cosmetics, medical devices

5. Title: Amendment to the Law Concerning the Examination and Regulation of Manufacture, etc., of Chemical Substances

6. Description of content: In making amendments to the test items for the prior examination of new chemical substances and introducing the post-marketing surveillance system, the following shall be newly stipulated in consideration of the international trends in this field:

   (1) Chemical substances which are not accumulative in biological organisms but have persistence and liability to be harmful to human health shall be designated as "designated chemical substances" whose quantity of manufacture or import should be notified to the Minister.

   (2) Any one of the "designated chemical substances" which threaten to cause environmental pollution as a result of post-marketing surveillance conducted by the manufacturer or importer shall be designated as "second-class specified chemical substances" and shall be controlled appropriately.

7. Objective and rationale: To prevent environmental pollution by chemical substances harmful to human health

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: 21 May 1986

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

    86-0382