**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

**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 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:**

4. **Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):**
   
   Fertilizers (CCCN: 31.02, 31.03, 31.04, 31.05)

5. **Title:** Amendment to the Official Standards of Ordinary Fertilizers

6. **Description of content:**
   
   (1) To amend the Standards for coated urea as those for coated nitrogen fertilizers.
   
   (2) To amend the Standards for by-product liquid nitrogen fertilizers, mixed phosphate fertilizers and liquid compound fertilizers.
   
   (3) To establish the Standards for mixed potassium fertilizers.
   
   (4) To add some agricultural chemicals which are allowed to be mixed with complex fertilizers.

7. **Objective and rationale:** To ensure quality

8. **Relevant documents:** The basic law is the Fertilizer Control Law.

   The said Standards will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.

9. **Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:**

   Adoption: 25 November 1987

   Entry into force: 25 December 1987

10. **Final date for comments:** 18 November 1987

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

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