NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: JAPAN

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Home Affairs

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

4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   Couplings used for fire-fighting (HS: 74.12, 76.09)

5. Title: Amendment to the Ministerial Ordinance for Technical Standards for Insert Type Couplings Used for Fire Hose, etc. (available in English, 3 pages)

6. Description of content: Technical standards for couplings which can be used for fire hoses wound on hose reel are newly established in the Technical Standards for Insert-Type Couplings used for Fire Hoses and the Technical Standards for Screw Thread-Type Couplings used for fire hose or suction fire hose. Moreover, the former standards which stipulated construction of couplings were revised to stipulate the performance of couplings.

7. Objective and rationale: To ensure safety

8. Relevant documents: The basic law is the Fire Service Law.
   The said technical standards will appear in "Kampo" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 October 1991

10. Final date for comments: 14 September 1991

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