1. Party to Agreement notifying: JAPAN

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

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):
   Beverages in metal cans (aluminium cans and steel cans) (HS: 0401, 0402, 0403.10, 2009, 2106.90.429, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208); aluminium cans for beverages (HS: 7612.90); steel cans for beverages (HS: 7310.21, 7310.29)

5. Title: Establishment of a Government Ordinance to Designate "Beverages in Metal Cans (Aluminium Cans and Steel Cans)" and "Metal Cans (Aluminium Cans and Steel Cans)" as "Second Designated Product" and a Ministerial Ordinance to Provide the Items Being the Standards of Labelling Based on "Law for the Promotion of Utilization of Recycled Resources" (available in English, 5 pages).

6. Description of content:

1. Based on Article 2.3 of "Law for the Promotion of Utilization of Recycled Resources", "beverages in metal cans (aluminium cans and steel cans)" and "metal cans (aluminium cans and steel cans)" are designated as "Second Designated Product" which obligate labelling with a view to facilitating collection and utilization by a Government Ordinance.

2. Based on Article 16 of "Law for the Promotion of Utilization of Recycled Resources", the items are provided for the standards of labelling by a Ministerial Ordinance.

7. Objective and rationale: To provide the items for labelling in order to identify the metal cans (aluminium cans and steel cans) to be utilized as recycled resources in cases where they are separately collected and utilized by consumers and other garbage collectors after being used as containers for beverages, therefore contributing to the protection of the environment.
8. Relevant documents: The basic law is "Law for the Promotion of Utilization of Recycled Resources".


10. Final date for comments: 1 October 1991

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