

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u>
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Health and Welfare
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): 1. Sulfites (Sodium Sulfite (dried and anhydride), Sodium Hydrogen Sulfite, Potassium Hydrogen Sulfite, Sodium Hydrosulfite, Sulfur Dioxide) (28.32) 2. Sorbic Acid and Potassium Sorbate (29.16) 3. Silicon Dioxide (fine) (28.39)
5. Title: Amendment to the Standards for Food Additives (available in English, 1 page)
6. Description of content: 1. To set specifications and standards for use of Silicon Dioxide (fine) and to limit its use for food to 2 per cent on a quantitative base. 2. To approve the use of Sorbic Acid and Potassium Sorbate with regard to flour pastes for bread and confectioneries which are made of potatoes, beans or vegetables as main ingredients. 3. To revise the maximum amount of Sulfites used for frozen raw crab, tapioca starch for syrup, and starch syrup.
7. Objective and rationale: Public health
8. Relevant documents: The basic law is the Food Sanitation Law. The said amendment will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: As soon as possible after commenting period
10. Final date for comments: 12 December 1990
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: