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: <u>JAPAN</u>

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of International Trade and Industry

Notified under Article 2.5.2 [], 2.6.1 [X], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:

4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):

Bis (tributhyltin) oxide (HS: 2931.00)

5. Title: Amendment to the Cabinet Order of the Law Concerning Examination and Regulation of Manufacture, etc. of Chemical Substances on the Supplementary Designation of Class I Specified Chemical Substances (available in Japanese, 1 page)

6. Description of content:

- (1) The Cabinet Order will designate the above-mentioned substance as Class I specified chemical substance under the provisions of the Law Concerning Examination and Regulation of Manufacture, etc. of Chemical Substances due to its persistence, high level of bioaccumulation and chronic toxicity. As the result of the designation, manufacture and import of the substance will require the authorization of the Minister of International Trade and Industry.
- (2) Together with the above-mentioned measures, the Cabinet Order will prohibit the import of the products which contain the above-mentioned substance.

7. Objective and rationale: Human health and environmental safety

8. Relevant documents: The Law Concerning Examination and Regulation of Manufacture, etc. of Chemical Substances

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

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9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: January 1990

10. Final date for comments:

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