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NOTIFICATION

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

- 1. Party to Agreement notifying: JAPAN
- 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Labour
- . 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):

 Safety helmets (HS: 65.06)
- 5. Title: Amendment to the Standards for Safety Helmets (Available in Japanese in 6 pages)
- 6. Description of content: This notice proposes to amend the Standards for Safety Helmets taking into account the need to harmonize with foreign standards and international standards (ISO standards).

The points are as follows:

- (1) to delete the provision which prohibits holes in a shell
- (2) to permit use of leather as a material for a chinstrap
- (3) to add tests for non-flammability to harmonize with foreign standards and ISO standards
- (4) to harmonize test methods and requirements in terms of performance for resistance penetration and absorbing impact with ISO standards
- 7. Objective and rationale: Occupational safety
- 8. Relevant documents: The basic law is the Industrial Safety and Health Law.

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

- 9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: March 1991
- 10. Final date for comments: 5 February 1991
- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: