

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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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 Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
4.	<p>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</p> <p>Bacon (HS: 0210.12) Hams (HS: 0210.11) Sausage and mixed sausage (HS: 1601.00) Pressed ham and mixed pressed ham (HS: 1602.00)</p>
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment to the Quality Labelling Standards for Bacon, Hams, Sausage, Mixed Sausage, Pressed Ham and Mixed Pressed Ham (available in Japanese, 13 pages)
6.	<p>Description of content:</p> <p>(1) To add "pH" and "water activity" as the matters to be specified in collective labelling.</p> <p>(2) To add, as matters other than those for collective labelling, description as to whether the product is "Specifically heated meat products", "Heated meat products" or "Dried meat products". In the case of "Heated meat products", to indicate whether the product was packed after or before heating.</p>
7.	Objective and rationale: Consumer protection
8.	<p>Relevant documents: The basic law is the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forest Products.</p> <p>The said standards will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.</p>

9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Not yet determined
10.	Final date for comments: 21 February 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: