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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 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 contained in polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles
(HS:2201-2208, 2209);
Soy sauce contained in PET bottles (HS:2130.10);
PET bottles for beverages or soy sauce (HS:3923.30).

5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Establishment of a Government Ordinance to Designate "beverages contained in PET bottles", "soy sauce contained in PET bottles" and "PET bottles for beverages or soy sauce" as "Second Designated Product" and Establishment of a Ministerial Ordinance to Provide for Labelling Standards Based on "Law for the Promotion of Utilization of Recycled Resources". (Available in English, 2 pages)

6. Description of content:

- (1) Based on Article 2.3 of the "Law for the Promotion of Utilization of Recycled Resources", "beverages contained in PET bottles", "soy sauce contained in PET bottles" and "PET bottles for beverages or soy sauce" will be designated as "Second Designated Product" by a Government Ordinance. The designation will obligate the manufacturers and importers to label PET bottles with a view to facilitating their collection for recycling.
- (2) Based on Article 16 of the "Law for the Promotion of Utilization of Recycled Resources", labelling standards are provided for in a Ministerial Ordinance.

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7. Objective and rationale: To provide labelling standards to facilitate the collection of the PET bottles by consumers and rubbish collectors. The collection of PET bottles contributes to the protection of the environment.

8. Relevant documents: The basic law is the "Law for the Promotion of Utilization of Recycled Resources".

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: May 1993

10. Final date for comments: 10 May 1993

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