

**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.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Cherry preserved in sugar (HS: 2008.60), bacons (HS: 0210.12), hams (HS: 0210.11), sausage and mixed sausage (HS: 1601.00), pressed ham and mixed pressed ham (HS: 1602.00), fish-meat ham and fish-meat sausage (HS: 1604.20), kori tofu (HS: 2106.10), macaronis (HS: 1902), carbonated drinks (HS: 2202), processed foods made from tomato (HS: 2002, 2103.20), specially packed kamabokos (HS: 1604.20), processed sea-urchin gonad and processed foodstuffs dressed with sea-urchin gonad (HS: 0307.99), flavour seasonings (HS: 2103.90), Dehydrated soup (HS: 2104.10), canned foods and bottled foods (HS: 1602.50), retort pouch foods (HS: 1602.50), dressings (HS: 2103.90), instant noodles (HS: 1902.30), dried mashed potato (HS: 2005.20), shaving of dried fish (HS: 1604), dried wakame seaweed and salted wakame seaweed (HS: 1212.20), frozen pre-cooked foods (HS: 2106.90), vinegar (HS: 2209.00), soy milks (HS: 2106.10), tsuyu for noodles etc. (HS: 2103.90), margarine (HS: 1517.10) dried noodles (HS: 1902.19), chilled gyoza (HS: 2106.90), flavoured kamaboko (HS: 1604.20), soy sauce (HS: 2103.10), jams (HS: 2107), Worcester sauce and the like (HS: 2103.90), chilled hamburg steak and chilled meat balls (HS: 1602), edible vegetable oils and fats (HS: 1507.10 - 1515.50), fruit drinks (HS: 2009), hand-made fine somen noodles (HS: 1902.19), soybean paste (HS: 2104.20), fructose (HS: 1702.50), shortening (HS: 1517.90), refined lard (HS: 1501.00), boiled and dried sardines (HS: 1604.13).
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment to the Quality Labelling Standards for Foods, Beverages, Oils and Fats (available in Japanese, 14 pages)
6.	Description of content: The revision of date markings on foods, beverages, oils and fats. (The date of manufacture changes to the durability markings.)

7.	Objective and rationale: Consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: The basic law is the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forest Products. The said standards will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Not yet determined
10.	Final date for comments: 11 November 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: