NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Japan **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA)**Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:**  |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Foods containing designated ingredients or substances that require specific cautions, raw buffalo milk, agricultural product pickles, rice, nutrient content claims |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Summary of the amendment of the Food Labelling Standards regarding labelling of foods containing designated ingredients or substances that require specific cautions, raw buffalo milk labelling, net weight labelling of agricultural product pickles, cleaning/polishing date labelling of rice, and nutrient content claims |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** (1) Labelling of foods containing designated ingredients or substances that require specific cautionsPursuant to Article 8 of the amended Food Sanitation Act (Act No. 233 of 1947) based on the Act to Partially Amend the Food Sanitation Act (Act No. 46 of 2018), the Food Labelling Standards shall be partially amended so that the foods containing designated ingredients or substances that require specific cautions are to be labelled with their designated ingredients or substances in order to ensure the safety and autonomous or rational choice of consumers.(2) Raw buffalo milk labellingThe Food Labelling Standards shall be partially amended to add raw buffalo milk to the category "Milk" in accordance with the amendment of the Ministerial Ordinance concerning the Ingredient Standards for Milk and Dairy Products (Ordinance of the Ministry of Health and Welfare No. 52 of 1951).(3) Net weight labelling of agricultural product picklesThe Food Labelling Standards shall be partially amended in accordance with the amendment of the measuring methods of agricultural product pickles under the Measurement Act (Act No. 51 of 1992) reflecting the practical situation of those products.(4) Cleaning/polishing date labelling of riceThe Food Labelling Standards shall be partially amended to resolve the problem of logistics/sales and waste caused by unsold rice labelled with old cleaning/polishing date, which was requested by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (MAFF) based on the discussion in the Rice Section Meeting of the Working Group regarding Logistics Rationalization of Rice.(5) Nutrient content claimsCurrently, the nutrients and energy may be indicated to be low when they are less than the standard values. The Food Labelling Standards shall be partially amended to make it possible to indicate low nutrients and energy when they are equal to the standard values from a viewpoint of practical situation of distribution and international harmonization.  |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** To provide the information for consumers to ensure the safety of ingestion of Food and to secure the opportunity to make an autonomous and rational choice of Food.; Consumer information, labelling |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** The Food Labelling Standards (Ordinance of the Cabinet Office No.10 of 2015), The Food Labelling Act (Act No. 70 of 2013) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined (Upon publication in "KANPO" (Official Government Gazette))**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be announced in the Official Government Gazette |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** Japan Enquiry PointInternational Trade DivisionEconomic Affairs BureauMinistry of Foreign AffairsFax: +(81 3) 5501 8343E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp |