

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

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| 1. | <b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>JAPAN</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>   |
| 2. | <b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Health and Welfare  |
| 3. | <b>Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b><br>(1) Sodium sulfite, Sodium hydrosulfite, Sulfur dioxide, Potassium pyrosulfite and Sodium pyrosulfite<br>(2) Calcium carbonate  |
| 4. | <b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Amendment of the Specifications for Food Additives (available in English, 2 pages)  |
| 5. | <b>Description of content:</b><br>To revise the regulation of some food additives. The outline of the revision is as follows:<br>- Concerning Sodium sulfite, Sodium hydrosulfite, Sulfur dioxide, Potassium pyrosulfite and Sodium pyrosulfite, Dijon mustard is added to the approved foods;<br>- The use level of Calcium carbonate for chewing gum is revised. |
| 6. | <b>Objective and rationale:</b> Protection of public health  |
| 7. | <b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [ X ].</b><br><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:</b>  |
| 8. | <b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b><br>The basic law is the Food Sanitation Law.<br>This ordinance will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.  |
| 9. | <b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> The proposed standards will be adopted as soon as possible after the final date for comments.  |

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| <b>10.</b> | <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Not stated  |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>Final date for comments:</b> 17 March 1997<br><br><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b>                        |
| <b>12.</b> | <b>Texts available from:</b> National enquiry point [ X ] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: |