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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Food additive (Isobutanol)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Amendments of the enforcement ordinance of the Food Sanitation Law and the standards and specifications for food additives (available in English, two pages)
6.	Description of content: Authorization of Isobutanol as a food additive and establishment of standards and specifications for this substance.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: None
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Food Sanitation Law. When adopted, this food additive will be published in the Official Governmental Gazette, <i>Kanpo</i> (available in Japanese).
10.	Proposed date of adoption: As soon as possible after the final date for comment period.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: As soon as possible after the final date for comment period.
12.	Final date for comments: 19 August 2004 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
13.	Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: