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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: JAPAN If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site 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): All foods
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Labelling Standard for GMOs determined by the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries based on Article 7, Paragraph 1 of the Quality Labelling Standard for Processed Foods and on Quality Labeling Standard for Perishable Foods (5 pages, in Japanese)
6.	Description of content: (1) Regarding genetically modified agricultural products which are not equivalent to the corresponding existing ones in their composition or nutritional value, and processed foods mainly made of such agricultural products, this amendment introduces the provisions for mandatory labelling to indicate the changed composition or nutrient content and to state that they are genetically modified. (2) High oleic acid soybeans obtained through technique of genetic modification and processed foods mainly made of such soybeans (including foods subsequently processed from such foods) are designated as those covered by the provisions mentioned in (1) above.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the consumers' interest.
8.	Relevant documents: The Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (1950 Law No. 175)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 3 rd quarter 2001 (To be announced in the official gazette) Proposed date of entry into force: To be announced in the official gazette

10.	Final date for comments: 20 August 2001
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: