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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: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare 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 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): Drugs (HS: 30)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Revision of the designation of drugs which are not required to be approved for manufacturing and import. (English, one page)
6.	Description of content: Under the provision of Article 14, paragraph 1 of the Pharmaceutical Affairs Law, Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare designates drugs, which are not required individual Ministerial approval for manufacturing and import. Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare will revise the designation to expand the coverage of drugs.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Deregulation of the approval of drugs.
8.	Relevant documents: The basic law is the Pharmaceutical Affairs Law. This partial revision will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } June 2002
10.	Final date for comments: 31 May 2002
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: