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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 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): Hams (HS: 73.1111)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Quality Labelling Standard of Hams (English, 2 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Quality Labelling Standard of Hams will be amended as follows: (1) To relax the restrictions on the cutting forms; (2) To abolish the obligation to indicate both of producer and processor/packer on a label; and (3) To abolish the obligation to indicate water activity on a label.
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: Before March 2003 (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: 26 February 2003
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: