

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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): Hydroxypropylmethylcellulose and biotin
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: Amendment of the Enforcement Regulations of the Food Sanitation Law (Available in English, 8 pages).
6.	Description of content: Designation of the new food additives and establishment of new standards for use and specifications for food additives
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <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:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The basic law is the Food Sanitation Law. The amendments will appear in "KANPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
10.	Proposed date of adoption: As soon as possible after the final date for comments.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: As soon as possible after the final date for comments.
12.	Final date for comments: 25 February 2003 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: