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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 [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): (1) Plumbing fixtures and piping connected to domestic water supply system. (2) Materials used for the construction of water supply facilities and as filter media.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: (1) Amendment of the standards for structure and material of domestic water supply equipment (9 pages, in English). (2) Amendment of the technological standards for water supply facilities (5 pages, in English).
6.	Description of content: To amend the standards regarding the metals, chemical compounds and other substances eluted from water supply equipment and facilities.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health
8.	Relevant documents: The basic law is Water Works Law. These amendments of the Ministerial Ordinance of the Standards for Structure and Material of Domestic Water Supply Equipment and the Ministerial Ordinance of Technical Standards for Water Supply Facilities will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Not determined Proposed date of entry into force: April 2004
10.	Final date for comments: 7 December 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: