

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Health and Welfare
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Food additives
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposed list of existing food additives (available in English, 52 pages)
5.	Description of content: The Ministry of Health and Welfare will specify the scope of the food additives (i.e., those which had already been sold, or otherwise treated with intent to sell on the date of the promulgation of the amended Law, excluding chemically synthesized food additives, natural flavoring agents, and substances which are both generally provided for eating or drinking as foods and used as food additives) which are not subject to the provisions of Article 6 of the amended Food Sanitation Law. The Ministry has published a proposed list of existing food additives describing the specified scope and enacted the Ministry of Health and Welfare Ordinance prescribing the procedure required to make proposition for the correction of the same list.
6.	Objective and rationale: Protection of public health
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents: Announcement will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Not later than 23 April 1996
10.	Final date for comments: 10 February 1996 (based on paragraph 2, Article 2 of the Supplementary Provisions to Law No. 101, 1995, "the Law Concerning Amendments to the Food Sanitation Law and Nutrition Improvement Law")
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: