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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

- Notifying Member: <u>JAPAN</u>
 If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
- 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)

Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website 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): Utensils, containers and packaging for food and food additives
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Amendment to the Food Sanitation Act. (1 page(s), in English)
- **6. Description of content:** Improvement of sanitary regulations for utensils, containers and packaging for food and food additives considering international consistency.

For greater transparency, this revision is also notified through SPS notification.

- **7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** To achieve the purpose of preventing the risk of improving public health under the Food Sanitation Act.
- **8. Relevant documents:** When adopted, this amendment will be published in *KAMPO*, the official Japanese Governmental Gazette (Available in Japanese).
- **9. Proposed date of adoption:** April July 2018

Proposed date of entry into force: Date to be specified by Cabinet Orders within a period not exceeding two years counting from the day of promulgation.

10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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