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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u>
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Labour
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Safety helmets (HS: 65.06)
5. Title: Amendment to the Standards for Safety Helmets (Available in Japanese in 6 pages)
6. Description of content: This notice proposes to amend the Standards for Safety Helmets taking into account the need to harmonize with foreign standards and international standards (ISO standards).  The points are as follows:  (1) to delete the provision which prohibits holes in a shell (2) to permit use of leather as a material for a chinstrap (3) to add tests for non-flammability to harmonize with foreign standards and ISO standards (4) to harmonize test methods and requirements in terms of performance for resistance penetration and absorbing impact with ISO standards
7. Objective and rationale: Occupational safety
8. Relevant documents: The basic law is the Industrial Safety and Health Law.  The amendment will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: March 1991
10. Final date for comments: 5 February 1991
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: