

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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 Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
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. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Cherry preserved in sugar (HS: 2008.60), bacons (HS: 0210.12), hams (HS: 0210.11), sausage and mixed sausage (HS: 1601.00), pressed ham and mixed pressed ham (HS: 1602.00), fish-meat ham and fish-meat sausage (HS: 1604.20), kori tofu (HS: 2106.10), macaronis (HS: 1902), carbonated drinks (HS: 2202), processed foods made from tomato (HS: 2002, 2103.20), specially packed kamabokos (HS: 1604.20), processed sea-urchin gonad and processed foodstuffs dressed with sea-urchin gonad (HS: 0307.99), flavour seasonings (HS: 2103.90), Dehydrated soup (HS: 2104.10), canned foods and bottled foods (HS: 1602.50), retort pouch foods (HS: 1602.50), dressings (HS: 2103.90), instant noodles (HS: 1902.30), dried mashed potato (HS: 2005.20), shaving of dried fish (HS: 1604), dried wakame seaweed and salted wakame seaweed (HS: 1212.20), frozen pre-cooked foods (HS: 2106.90), vinegar (HS: 2209.00), soy milks (HS: 2106.10), tsuyu for noodles etc. (HS: 2103.90), margarine (HS: 1517.10) dried noodles (HS: 1902.19), chilled gyoza (HS: 2106.90), flavoured kamaboko (HS: 1604.20), soy sauce (HS: 2103.10), jams (HS: 2107), Worcester sauce and the like (HS: 2103.90), chilled hamburger steak and chilled meat balls (HS: 1602), edible vegetable oils and fats (HS: 1507.10 - 1515.50), fruit drinks (HS: 2009), hand-made fine somen noodles (HS: 1902.19), soybean paste (HS: 2104.20), fructose (HS: 1702.50), shortening (HS: 1517.90), refined lard (HS: 1501.00), boiled and dried sardines (HS: 1604.13).
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment to the Quality Labelling Standards for Foods, Beverages, Oils and Fats (available in Japanese, 14 pages)
6.	Description of content: The revision of date markings on foods, beverages, oils and fats. (The date of manufacture changes to the durability markings.)

7.	Objective and rationale: Consumer protection
8.	<p>Relevant documents: The basic law is the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forest Products.</p> <p>The said standards will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.</p>
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Not yet determined
10.	Final date for comments: 11 November 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: