

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: JAPAN
2. Agency responsible: Fertilizer and Machinery Division, Agricultural Production Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 (X) 2.61. () 7.3.2 () 7.4.1 () Other:
4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
Fertilizer (Phosphate fertilizer, organic fertilizer, etc.) (CCCN: 31.03, 31.05, 05.08, etc.)
5. Title: Amendment to official standards for ordinary fertilizers in accordance with the Fertilizer Control Law
6. Description of Content: Official standards for ordinary fertilizers will be amended as follows for securing the quality of ordinary fertilizers and simplifying or rationalizing official standards in the light of the actual condition concerning ordinary fertilizers, including raw materials, production methods of late. (1) To add borate fertilizer and fritted micronutrient mixture as raw materials of fertilizer of slag processed by phosphoric acid. (2) To establish a standard of by-products of gelatin made from animals' bone, ossein and animals' skin as one of the organic fertilizers. (3) To establish a standard of solid materials, which are by-products on washing wool as one of the organic fertilizers. (4) To add "mixture of polyethylene and paraffine wax including diatomaceous earth and/or silica micro powder" as a coating material of the coated mixed fertilizers. (5) To amend the standard concerning particle size of the fritted micronutrient mixture as follows: all granules pass through 1,680µm sieve and more than 50% of granules pass through 149µm sieve. (6) To add chicken manure ashes as raw materials of mixed fertilizer of the first class. (7) To integrate the official standards of some ordinary fertilizers whose raw materials, production methods, etc. are similar to each other. (Example) The standard of concentrated superphosphate will be integrated into that of superphosphate. (8) Official standards of some ordinary fertilizers will be abolished. The necessity of such standards has been reduced as a result of lack of actual production and import for a long time or for other reasons. (Example) By-product fertilizer from cornstarch industry, calcinated micronutrient mixture.
7. Objective and rationale: For securing the quality of ordinary fertilizers and simplifying or rationalizing official standards.
8. Relevant documents: Basic document is the Fertilizer Control Law. The amendment will be published in "KANPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: The amendment will be put into force in April 1984.
10. Final date for comments: 24 October 1983
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point or address of other body: