

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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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: Fertilizer and Machinery Division, Agricultural Production Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 <input type="checkbox"/> , 2.6.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.3.2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , 7.4.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , Other:
4.	Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Fertilizer (CCCN: 31.02, 31.03, 31.04, 31.05 etc.) (nitrogen fertilizer, phosphate fertilizer, others)
5.	Title: Amendment to the enforcement order and the enforcement regulation of the Fertilizer Control Law.
6.	Description of content: Related cabinet order and Ministerial Ordinance will be amended as follows according to the amendment of the Fertilizer Control Law for efficient implementation of fertilizer control administration, securing the quality of fertilizers and ensuring non-discrimination between nationals and non-nationals in certification procedures. (1) To designate the fertilizer producers who should be registered by the prefectural Governor instead of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries as at present, after the entry into force of the amended Fertilizer Control Law. (Cabinet Order) (2) To identify the ordinary fertilizers which will be put under the notification system instead of under the registration system after the entry into force of the amended Law. (Ministerial Ordinance) (3) To identify the ordinary fertilizers whose applicants should state the result of the vegetation test on damage by fertilizer on their registration application forms. (Ministerial Ordinance) (4) To identify the categories of ordinary fertilizers whose valid duration of the registration will be extended to six years from three years. (Ministerial Ordinance) (5) The foreign manufacturers who produce ordinary fertilizers to be exported to Japan should conduct the application of registration, etc. through their agents in Japan. (Ministerial Ordinance)
7.	Objective and rationale: For efficient implementation of fertilizer control administration, securing the quality of fertilizers and ensuring non-discrimination between nationals and non-nationals in certification procedures.
8.	Relevant documents: Basic document is the Fertilizer Control Law. The amendment will be published in "KAMPO" (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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address of other body: