NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Japan  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA)  **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):** Unpolished rice and polished rice |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Summary of the draft Amendment of the Food Labelling Standards (regarding unpolished rice and polished rice) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** In the current system, for unpolished rice or polished rice, production place, variety and production year can be labelled only if they are produced from raw unpolished rice with same production place, variety and production year, and if they are certified by the Agricultural Products Inspection Act (Act No. 144 of 1951) for domestic products, or, if they are certified by public organizations of exporting countries, etc. for imported products. The Food Labelling Standards will be partially amended to enable production place, variety and production year for unpolished rice or polished rice to be labelled without the above mentioned certification, and to obligate the persons engaged in food-related business to store documents which are the basis for labelling. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** To secure the opportunity for consumers to make an autonomous and rational choice of food by revising the requirements for labelling of unpolished rice and polished rice; Consumer information, labelling |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * The Food Labelling Standards (Ordinance of the Cabinet Office, No. 10 of 2015) * The Food Labelling Act (Act No. 70 of 28 June 2013)   <https://www.caa.go.jp/policies/policy/food_labeling/food_labeling_act/#laws> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined (Upon publication in "KANPO" (Official Government Gazette)  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be announced in the Official Government Gazette |
| **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:**  Japan TBT Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: (+81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: [enquiry@mofa.go.jp](mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp) |