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  **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):** The GM labelling system |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Summary of the Amendment of the Food Labelling Standards regarding the GM labelling system (1 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** In the current labelling system, Japan allows to use "non-GM" labelling in case of constant incorporation of unintended GM agricultural products (soybean and corn with 5%). In the Amendment of the Food Labelling Standards, "non-GM" labelling shall not be used without the product recognized to be not contaminated with GM in order to ensure the accuracy of the food labelling. Japan will revise the provisions of Article 3 and Article 18 of the Food Labelling Standards which stipulate the requirements for "non-GM" 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 food choice by revising the requirements for "non-GM" labelling |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  a) the Food Labelling Standards (Ordinance of the Cabinet Office No.10 of 2015)  b) the Food Labelling Act (Act No. 70 of 2013) |
| **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 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)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/JPN/18_5291_00_e.pdf> |