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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site 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): Husked (Brown) rice and Milled Rice (HS: 1006.20, 1006.30)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Standard for Labelling on Quality of Husked (Brown) Rice (available in Japanese, one page)
6.	Description of content: Regarding labelling of husked (brown) rice and milled rice, the standard notified by G/TBT/Notif.99/668 is amended as follows for the purpose of proper labelling: (i) Standard for labelling of rice which is a mixture of multiple varieties, place of origin or year of production is established; (ii) Standard for labelling to indicate the mixture of multiple kinds of ingredient rice is established; (iii) Standard for voluntary labelling on the quality of milled rice is established.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the consumers' interest.
8.	Relevant documents: The Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (1950 Law.175)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 2 nd quarter 2002 (To be announced in the official gazette) Proposed date of entry into force: To be announced in the official gazette
10.	Final date for comments: 21 March 2002
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: