

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries <b>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:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Bacon (HS: 73.113)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Quality Labelling Standard of Bacon (2 pages, in English)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Quality Labelling Standard of Bacon will be amended as follows:  (1) To relax the restrictions on the cutting forms;  (2) To abolish the obligation to indicate both of producer and processor/packer on a label; and  (3) To abolish the obligation to indicate water activity on a label
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of the consumers' interest
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> The Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (1950 Law No. 175)
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> Before March 2003 (To be announced in the official gazette) <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be announced in the official gazette
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 26 February 2003
11.	<b>Texts available from:</b> National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: