

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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 Health and Welfare Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [X], 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): Pharmaceuticals (HS 30.01, 30.02, 30.03, 30.04, 30.05, 30.06)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Enforcement of standards for labelling and product names of pharmaceuticals to prevent medication errors
6.	Description of content: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Standard for the warning labelling on packages of pharmaceuticals whose shape or appearance could lead to medication errors;Standard for the labelling on packages of pharmaceuticals for the easy recognition of the labelling;Standard for product names of pharmaceuticals to avoid confusion among different product names and their abbreviations. <p>(These Standards are not mandatory but voluntary.)</p>
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To prevent medication errors related to pharmaceuticals, considering the recent increase of medication errors in Japan.
8.	Relevant documents: Pharmaceutical Affairs Law (Law No. 145 issued in 1960)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } Mid-September 2000
10.	Final date for comments:
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: Safety Division, Pharmaceuticals and Medical Safety Bureau Ministry of Health and Welfare Kasumigaseki 1-2-2, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8045 Japan Tel.: +81-3-3595-2453 Fax: +81-3-3508-4364