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:** Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)  **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):** Steel or Aluminium beverage cans (HS codes: 7310.29, 7612.90) Polyethylene terephthalate beverage or specified sauce containers (HS codes: 3923.30) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** (1) Ministerial Ordinance on Standards for Labeling of the Steel or Aluminium beverage cans (2) Ministerial Ordinance on Standards for Labeling of the Polyethylene terephthalate beverage or specified sauce containers (3 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Act on the Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources requires manufacturers to include specific marks indicating waste separation practices on specified products in order to promote the use of recyclable resources. In regard to steel or aluminum beverage cans and polyethylene terephthalate beverage or specified sauce containers, a significant amount of time has passed since the original enactment of the ministerial ordinances and waste separation practices. Therefore, the following amendments will be made to a) enable manufacturers to secure label space and b) promote further efforts to reduce the amount of waste and to encourage recycling of materials. Meanwhile, the size of required food labeling has been reduced because smaller beverage containers have become popular and the required amount of food safety information which must be displayed has increased.  (1) Reduce the minimum size of the required printed or affixed indication marks for steel or aluminum beverage cans and polyethylene terephthalate beverage or specified sauce containers.  (2) With regard to polyethylene terephthalate beverage or specific sauce containers, printed or affixed indication marks for individual containers (excluding engraved indication marks to which no amendments have been made) can be omitted when exterior containers and packaging display the required marks. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** To promote recycling and the use of recyclable resources.; Other |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  [<http://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/law/detail/?printID=&id=80&re=01&vm=02>](http://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/law/detail/?printID=&id=80&re=01&vm=02) (in English) [<https://search.kudan.hq.admix.go.jp/search/elaws_search/lsg0500/detail?lawId=403M50000640001&openerCode=1#16>](https://search.kudan.hq.admix.go.jp/search/elaws_search/lsg0500/detail?lawId=403M50000640001&openerCode=1#16) (in Japanese) [<https://search.kudan.hq.admix.go.jp/search/elaws_search/lsg0500/detail?lawId=405M50000640001&openerCode=1>](https://search.kudan.hq.admix.go.jp/search/elaws_search/lsg0500/detail?lawId=405M50000640001&openerCode=1) (in Japanese) [<https://search.kudan.hq.admix.go.jp/search/elaws_search/lsg0500/detail?openerCode=1&lawId=420M60000600001_20170401_428M60000600002>](https://search.kudan.hq.admix.go.jp/search/elaws_search/lsg0500/detail?openerCode=1&lawId=420M60000600001_20170401_428M60000600002) (in Japanese) [<https://www.meti.go.jp/shingikai/sankoshin/sangyo_gijutsu/haikibutsu_recycle/yoki_wg/pdf/025_03_00.pdf>](https://www.meti.go.jp/shingikai/sankoshin/sangyo_gijutsu/haikibutsu_recycle/yoki_wg/pdf/025_03_00.pdf) (in Japanese) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** Around March of 2020  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 April 2020; (Current required printed or affixed indication marks continue to be valid.) |
| **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:**  International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8919, Japan  Tel: + (81) 3 5501 8344  Fax: + (81) 3 5501 8343  E-mail: [enquiry@mofa.go.jp](mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/JPN/20_0575_00_e.pdf> |