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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 Health, Labour and Welfare 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): Creosote-oil-containing wood preservatives and repellents for wood, and woods treated with creosote oil or its mixture.
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Amendment of the Cabinet Ordinance and the Ministerial Ordinance for the Law for the Control of Household Products Containing Harmful Substances (Law No.112, 12 October 1973)
6. Description of content: The background and summary of the amendment of the Cabinet Ordinance and the Ministerial Ordinance for the Law for the Control of Household Products Containing Harmful Substances are as follows. (1) To designate dibenz(a,h)anthracene, benz(a)anthracene and benzo(a)pyrene as "Harmful Substances" in accordance with the aforementioned Law. (2) To regulate creosote-oil-containing wood preservatives and repellents for wood for household use, and stipulate that the concentrations of dibenz(a,h)anthracene, benz(a)anthracene and benzo(a)pyrene contained in them must be 10 ppm or less for each; and (3) To regulate woods for household use treated with creosote oil or its mixture, and stipulate that the concentrations of dibenz(a,h)anthracene, benz(a)anthracene and benzo(a)pyrene contained in them must be 3 ppm or less for each.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Evidence of carcinogenicity of creosote oil (containing dibenz(a,h)anthracene, benz(a)anthracene and benzo(a)pyrene) through dermal exposure was confirmed.

8.	Relevant documents: The Law for the Control of Household Products Containing Harmful Substances. The amendment of the Cabinet Ordinance and Enforcement Ordinance will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 15 February 2004
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: