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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. Notifying Member: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Consumer Affairs Agency
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], Other:
4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Cashew nuts, Processed foods which are sold in Japan
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Overview of proposed partial revision to the Food Labelling Standards under the Food Labelling Act and Cabinet Office Order prescribing matters that have a significant impact on safety when ingesting food as provided in Article 6, Paragraph (8) of the Food Labelling Act Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/JPN/26_00366_00_e.pdf Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: (+81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp
6. Description of content: (1) Regarding immediate-type food allergies, the number of cases involving cashew nuts among tree nuts, as well as the proportion of cashew nut cases relative to the total number of tree nut cases, has been increasing. Since this is not considered a transient trend, the Food Labelling Standards will be partially amended to add cashew nuts to "specified allergenic ingredients" on food labels and cashew nuts will be required to be declared on food labels when they are used as ingredients or when additives derived therefrom are included. (2) Additional regulations for specific foods are reviewed as necessary, taking into account their consistency with general food labelling rules and current social conditions. For example, eliminate items that can be substituted in general food labelling, or items related to quality that are not required for mandatory labelling.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To provide the information for consumers to secure the opportunity to make an autonomous and rational choice of food.

8. Relevant documents:

The Food Labelling Standards (Ordinance of the Cabinet Office No.10 of 2015)

<https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/document?lawid=427M60000002010> (Japanese only)

Relevant notifications:

- [G/TBT/N/JPN/854](#)
- [G/TBT/N/JPN/867](#)

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Provision of comments

Final date for comments: 17 March 2026

60 days from notification

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