

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

### 1. Objective for revisions

To provide the information for consumers to secure the opportunity to make an autonomous and rational choice of food.

### 2. Covered Products

Cashew nuts, Processed foods which are sold in Japan

### 3. Outline of revisions

(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.

### 4. The subject of the revisions

The following document, pursuant to the provision of the Food Labelling Act (Act No. 70 of 2013), is the subject to revisions.

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