NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Japan  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** National Tax Agency  **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):** Sake (HS:2206.00.200); Cider, perry, mead and other fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcoholic beverages, n.e.s. (excl. beer, wine or fresh grapes, grape must, vermouth and other wine of fresh grapes flavoured with plants or aromatic substances) (HS 2206) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Outline of the Amendment of the Notice on Establishing Labeling Standards for Manufacturing Process and Quality of Sake (National Tax Agency Notice No. 8, November 22,1989) (1 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** 1. Labeling of the production date will be changed from required information to voluntary information, in line with Codex Standards, the international food standards, and the Japanese Food Labeling Standards.  2 Allowing display of awards granted not only by public organizations but by private organizations. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** To contribute to improving the brand value of sake and consumer benefit; Consumer information, labelling |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  Act Concerning Liquor Business Associations and Measures for Securing Revenue from Liquor Tax  The proposed amendments shall be published in the Official Gazette (a public publication) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be decided  **Proposed date of entry into force:** Publicize in the Official Gazette |
| **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:**  Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: +(81 31) 5501 8343 E-mail: [enquiry@mofa.go.jp](mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/JPN/22_2056_00_e.pdf> |