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Report Highlights:

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Begin article:

Meeting of the Subcommittee of the Council for Quality Labeling Standards to be Held

MAFF will hold a meeting of the Subcommittee of the Council for Quality Labeling Standards for Processed Foods and for Perishable Foods on April 28, 2004, in Kyoyou meeting rooms A, B, C and D of the head office of Japan Post. The meeting will consider the revision of the following labeling rules:

- Quality Labeling Standards for Processed Foods, regarding ingredient origins
- Quality Labeling Standards for Perishable Foods, regarding place of origin of livestock products

Those who wish to hear the discussion or to express their opinions on the topics are asked to send us their applications with their name, address, age, occupation, telephone and fax number. Please specify on the application whether you wish to merely listen to the discussion or whether you would like to express an opinion on the matter. Applicants who wish to express their opinions should submit a brief summary outlining the main points of their opinion(s) together with the application. Applications by fax or mail must be received by April 19, 2004.

Applicants will be informed of their admission by fax. Should the number of applicants exceed the capacity of the venue; attendees will be selected by lot.

The meeting will be conducted in Japanese. Arrangements for interpretation will be the responsibility of the attendees.

Attendees must follow the chairperson's instructions during the meeting. The use of cameras, video recorders, tape recorders, wireless microphones and other such devices is prohibited during the meeting. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. All attendees are asked to be seated in the meeting room by 9:50 a.m.

For further information, please contact the Labeling and Standards Division by telephone at (03) 3502-8111 (ext. 3309) or by fax at (03)3502-0594.

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