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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 Economy, Trade and Industry 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): Gasoline (2710.11.137), Gas Oil (2710.11.150, 2710.19.150)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Revision of the Regulation of the Quality Control of Gasoline and other Fuels (1 page, in English)
6.	Description of content: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry will revise the regulation of permissible sulphur contained in gasoline and gas oil. We will enforce this revision by the end of 2004. The present level: Gasoline 100 ppm (upper limit); Gas oil 500 ppm (upper limit). The proposed level: Gasoline 50 ppm (upper limit); Gas oil 50 ppm (upper limit).
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To regulate the quality of fuels for motor vehicles in order to reduce the sulphur contained in exhaust gases.
8.	Relevant documents: The Regulation of the Quality Control of Gasoline and other Fuels
9.	Proposed date of adoption: August 2003 Proposed date of entry into force: the end of 2004
10.	Final date for comments: 10 July 2003

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:

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