

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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 International Trade and Industry Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): (1) Imported high-pressure gas (HS: 28.01, 28.04, 29.01, 29.03) (2) High-pressure gas containers (high-pressure gas cylinders) (HS: 73.11) (3) Pressure equipment used in high-pressure gas production plants (HS: 73.11)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Revision of the High-Pressure Gas Safety Law (1 page, available in English)
6.	Description of content: (1) Establishing the provisions by which third party organizations such as incorporated companies can carry out import inspection of imported high-pressure gas. (2) Establishing the provisions by which third-party organizations such as incorporated companies can carry out the investigation for the foreign pressure vessel and container manufacturers who intend to enter the register with the Minister of International Trade and Industry as the self-inspection manufacturers.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The system, in which a third-party organization such as an incorporated company can carry out the following items is to be introduced to achieve the deregulation concerning the High-Pressure Gas Safety Law. (1) Establishing the provisions by which third-party organizations such as incorporated companies can carry out import inspection of imported high-pressure gas.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: (cont'd) (2) Establishing the provisions by which third-party organizations such as incorporated companies can carry out the investigation for the foreign pressure vessel and container manufacturers who intend to enter the register with the Minister of International Trade and Industry as the self-inspection manufacturers.
8.	Relevant documents: The basic law is the High-Pressure Gas Safety Law. This ordinance will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Gazette) when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: May 1999 Proposed date of entry into force: July 2000
10.	Final date for comments: 15 April 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: