

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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): LP gas instantaneous water heaters (HS: 84.19), LP gas space heaters (HS: 73.21)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Establishment of Cabinet Order Revising "Law Concerning the Securing of Safety and the Optimization of Transaction of Liquefied Petroleum Gas", etc. (2 pages, available in English)
6.	Description of content: The provision of existing technical regulations related to LP gas equipments and appliances shall be amended and some items will be transferred from "first-class LP gas equipments and appliances" to "second-class LP gas equipments and appliances".
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To transfer a part of items classified in "First-class LP gas equipments and appliances" to "Second-class LP gas equipments and appliances" in order to deregulate rules based on "Law Concerning the Securing of Safety and Optimization of Transaction of Liquefied Petroleum Gas".
8.	Relevant documents: Revision is based on "Law Concerning the Securing of Safety and the Optimization of Transaction of Liquefied Petroleum Gas". This ordinance will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Gazette) when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } By the end of March 1999
10.	Final date for comments: 21 January 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: