

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 [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): To be determined. Products will be specified in the Cabinet order by 1 April 2001
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Revision of a Part of the Law for Promotion of Utilization of Recyclable Resources (English, 2 pages)
6.	Description of content: Outline of planned revisions is as follows. 1. To establish new provisions for promoting the usage of parts of used products. In order to promote the utilization of parts of used products specified by the Cabinet order, business entities are required to comply with the Judgement Criteria prescribed by the Order of the competent ministry. The competent minister can give advice and directives to business entities, when appropriate. 2. To establish new provisions for reducing used products. In order to rationalize the utilization of raw materials specified by the Cabinet order and to reduce the used products specified by the Cabinet order by promoting long time usage, business entities are required to comply with the Judgement Criteria prescribed by the Order of the competent ministry. The competent minister can give advice and directives to business entities, when appropriate. 3. To modify the provisions on the Second Class Specified Products. At present the indication of materials and ingredients of products is specified by the Cabinet order and the competent minister can give advice and directives to business entities, when appropriate. After this revision, small and medium size enterprises prescribed by the Cabinet order are exempted from advice and directive by the Cabinet order are exempted from advice and directive by the competent minister.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: In addition to the current provisions prescribing recycling, new provisions which prescribe the reduction of used products and the reuse of parts will promote the effective use of resources and reduce wastes.

8.	Relevant documents: Revisions are based on the "Law for Promotion of Utilization of Recyclable Resources". These revisions will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Gazette) when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 2 nd quarter 2000 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 April 2001
10.	Final date for comments: 10 April 2000
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: