

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): Electric refrigerator-freezers (HS:8418.10), household electric-refrigerators (HS:8418.21), electric freezers (HS:8418.40-010).
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Revision of Enforcement Ordinance of the Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy, Establishment of Ministerial Ordinance (2 pages, available in English)
6.	<p>Description of content: Based on the Law concerning the Rational Use of Energy, the Minister of International Trade and Industry will designate electric refrigerator-freezers, households electric refrigerators and electric freezers as "Designated Machinery".</p> <p>Concerning the designation, the Minister will provide for the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Methods of calculation of the performance of those machinery in relation to the amount of the energy consumption defined as numerical values (the energy consumption efficiency);- standards to be used for judgement by the manufacture or import of machinery and equipment;- matters related to indication.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To promote energy conservation through the prevalence of high energy consumption efficiency of machinery and equipment in order to cope with the recent increase of energy consumption in household-service sectors, global warming and so on.

8.	Relevant documents: The basic law is the Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy. This revision will be made public in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } February 1998
10.	Final date for comments: 13 February 1998
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of other body: