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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

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| <b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>  |
| <b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)<br><b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>  |
| <b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>  |
| <b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Rigid polyurethane foam heat insulation material; (HS: 392113)  |
| <b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Revisions of the cabinet order, the ministerial ordinance, and the notification of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) under the Act on the Rational Use of Energy (2 page(s), in English)  |
| <b>6. Description of content:</b> Rigid polyurethane foam, which is expected to become widespread to a considerable extent in years to come, is newly designated as a specified heat insulation material. New standards to be achieved by FY2026 are established for rigid polyurethane foam.   |
| <b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> To promote rationalization of overall energy consumption in Japan through popularization of building materials with high level of heat loss prevention performance, in order to cope with the recent increase of energy consumption in the consumer sector, climate change and so forth.   |
| <b>8. Relevant documents:</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Act on the Rational Use of Energy;<br/><a href="https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/search/elawsSearch/elaws_search/lsg0500/detail?lawId=354AC0000000049">https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/search/elawsSearch/elaws_search/lsg0500/detail?lawId=354AC0000000049</a></li><li>- The report on the legislation of the standards under the Act on the Rational Use of Energy compiled by the Advisory Committee for Energy's working group (in Japanese);<br/><a href="https://www.meti.go.jp/shingikai/enecho/shoene_shinene/sho_energy/kenchiku_zairyo/pdf/20190730_report.pdf">https://www.meti.go.jp/shingikai/enecho/shoene_shinene/sho_energy/kenchiku_zairyo/pdf/20190730_report.pdf</a></li></ul> <p>This revision is to be publicised in the Official Government Gazette "KAMPO" when adopted. Regulations before amendment are available at the following site (in Japanese);<br/><a href="https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/search/elawsSearch/elaws_search/lsg0500/detail?lawId=354CO00000000267">https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/search/elawsSearch/elaws_search/lsg0500/detail?lawId=354CO00000000267</a></p> |

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| <b>9.</b>   | <b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> December 2019<br><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Around Spring of 2020   |
| <b>10.</b>  | <b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification  |
| <b>11.</b>  | <b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b><br><br>International Trade Division<br>Economic Affairs Bureau<br>Ministry of Foreign Affairs<br>2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku<br>Tokyo 100-8919, Japan<br>Tel.: +(81) 3 5501 8344<br>Fax: +(81) 3 5501 8343<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp">enquiry@mofa.go.jp</a><br><br><a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/TBT/JPN/19_5745_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/TBT/JPN/19_5745_00_e.pdf</a> |