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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

1.	Notifying Member: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) 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:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Glass wool insulating material, extruded polystyrene foam insulating material. (HS:3921.11, 7019.80)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Revisions of the Regulation 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)
6.	Description of content: Revisions of the standards of judgement under the Act on the Rational Use of Energy, the target fiscal year for meeting the standards, the standards of insulating performance.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To promote the rationalization of overall energy consumption in Japan through popularization of building materials with high insulating performance, which can contribute to coping with challenges facing society including the recent increase of energy consumption in the household sector, climate change, and so on.
8.	Relevant documents: - The Act on the Rational Use of Energy (Only in Japanese); https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/document?lawid=354AC0000000049_20230401_504AC0000000046 - Report on performance standards for insulation materials compiled by the Advisory Committee for Energy's working group (Only in Japanese); https://www.meti.go.jp/shingikai/enecho/shoene/shinene/sho_energy/kenchiku_zairyo/20221014_report.html

<p>- These revisions are to be published in the Official Government Gazette "KAMPO" when adopted. Regulations before amendment are available at the following web links (Only in Japanese);</p> <p>https://www.enecho.meti.go.jp/category/saving_and_new/saving/enterprise/equipment/pdf/30_dannetsuzai.pdf</p>
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: Around March 2023</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: Around April 2023*</p> <p>* Target fiscal year for achieving the new standards is set to be FY2030.</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification</p>
<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>International Trade Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8919, Japan Tel.: + (81) 3 5501 8344 Fax: + (81) 3 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/JPN/22_8771_00_e.pdf</p>