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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) and Consumer Affairs Agency (CAA) 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 [X], 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): Consumer products, electrical appliances and materials, and gas/liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) equipment and appliances: Additional covered products will be designated in the cabinet order under the Consumer Product Safety Act. Toys and other products for children are currently being considered as designated products.
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Revision to the Consumer Product Safety Act, Electrical Appliances and Materials Safety Act, Gas Business Act and Act on the Securing of Safety and the Optimization of Transaction of Liquefied Petroleum Gas; (2 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: To clarify that overseas operators that sell products directly to general consumers in Japan without going through manufacturers and importers in Japan are subject to regulations under the proposed technical regulations, as well as the introduction of regulations for children's products such as toys in the proposed technical regulations.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information, labelling; Protection of human health or safety
8. Relevant documents: The Consumer Product Safety Act, Electrical Appliances and Materials Safety Act, Gas Business Act and Act on the Securing of Safety and the Optimization of Transaction of Liquefied Petroleum Gas, as well as the cabinet orders under the Acts. These revisions will appear in KAMPO (the Official Government Gazette) when adopted. The current laws and regulations are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consumer Product Safety Act (Act No. 31 of 1973) https://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/en/laws/view/2804

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Appliances and Materials Safety Act (Act No. 234 of 1961) https://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/en/laws/view/2745 • Gas Business Act (Act No. 51 of 1954) https://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/en/laws/view/3331 • Act on the Securing of Safety and the Optimization of Transaction of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Act No. 149 of 1967) https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/document?lawid=342AC0000000149 (in Japanese) <p>Documents related to the revision are as follows: https://www.meti.go.jp/shingikai/sankoshin/hoan_shohi/seihin_anken/pdf/013_01_00.pdf (in Japanese)</p>
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: June 2024 Proposed date of entry into force: After December 2025</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification</p>
<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] 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/2023/TBT/JPN/23_14765_00_e.pdf</p>