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## **Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: JAPAN

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):
  - Air conditioners for commercial use
  - Refrigerator and freezers for commercial use
- **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Revision of the Ministerial ordinance and Notifications under the Act on the Rational Use and Proper Management of Fluorocarbons; (3 page(s), in English)
- **Description of content:** Establishment of the criteria under the Act on the Rational Use and Proper Management of Fluorocarbons, i.e., the Global Warming Potential (hereinafter "GWP") targets which the products listed in item 4 must satisfy, and the fiscal year targets by which the above GWP targets must be satisfied.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information, labelling; Protection of the environment
- 8. Relevant documents:
  - Act on the Rational Use and Proper Management of Fluorocarbons (Act No. 64 of 2001); https://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/ja/laws/view/4468
  - This revision is to be publicized in the Official Government Gazette "Kampo" when adopted;
  - Progress report on the legislation of the Cabinet Order under the Act on Rational Use and Proper Management of Fluorocarbons compiled by the Industrial Structure Council's working group (only in Japanese);

https://www.meti.go.jp/shingikai/sankoshin/seizo\_sangyo/kagaku\_busshitsu/flon\_taisaku/index.html

9. Proposed date of adoption: October 2024

Proposed date of entry into force: April 2025, April 2027, April 2029

**10. Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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