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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 Internal Affairs and Communications 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): Mobile phones compatible with multiple SIM
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Partial amendment of Regulations for Terminal Facilities; (2 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: When an emergency call cannot be made with a SIM, mobile phones compatible with multiple SIM will be obligated to have the function to switch SIMs automatically and try to make another call again. In addition, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications will establish testing methods for mobile phones compatible with multiple SIMs.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: An emergency call through a mobile phone compatible with multiple SIM may not work well to connect, for examples, if an emergency call is made by a data-only SIM, or the communication channel is cut when the geographical information is exchanged because of the mismatching of the ID information. In order to ensure the interoperability of emergency calls, new provisions about mobile phones compatible with multiple SIM will be established for behavior in the event that an emergency call is not connected.
8. Relevant documents: The Regulations for Terminal Facilities (Ministerial Ordinance) and related public notices. The amendment will be published in "KAMPO"(Official Government Gazette) when adopted.(available in Japanese)
9. Proposed date of adoption: November, 2024 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 2025; (A part of amendment will entry into force on January 1st, 2026.)
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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