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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 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): Terminal facilities used to interconnect with telecommunications line facilities(networks)
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Partial amendment of Regulations, and establishment and partial amendment of relevant public notices for Terminal Facilities; (2 page(s), in English)
- **6. Description of content:** Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) will amend the insulation resistance provisions specified in the Regulations for Terminal Facilities to comply with the current international standard, IEC62368.

In addition, the classification of conformity-marked terminal equipment to the technical standards will be reorganized from six categories, A through F, to four categories, G, H, P, and Q, regarding the terminal equipment used by interconnection with telecommunications line facilities (networks).

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The objective is to amend the regulations and to establish and amend the relevant notifications in order to revise the insulation resistance provisions specified in the Regulations for Terminal Facilities to comply with the current international standard.

An additional objective is to review the categorization of the terminal equipment in response to changes in the telecommunication environment such as the shift of fixed-line telephone networks to IP systems and the end of 3G services.

8. Relevant documents:

The Regulations for Terminal Facilities (Ministerial Ordinance), the Regulations for Technical Standards Conformity Approval for Terminal Equipment (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 January 2025

- **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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