

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u>
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of International Trade and Industry. Ministry of Transport.
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Air-conditioners for cooling and heating (HS:84.15) Air-conditioners for cooling only (HS:84.15) Passengers automobiles which consume gasoline fuel and can only accommodate up to ten passengers (HS:87.02 and 87.03)
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment to the Enforcement Ordinance for the Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy, and Ministerial Ordinance, accompanied with the Amendment of the Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy (available in Japanese, 1 page)
6. Description of content: 1. Based on the Law concerning the Rational Use of Energy after amendment. Air-conditioners for cooling and heating will be designated as "Designated Machinery" to which provisions of indication of energy consumption efficiency of machineries and equipments will be applied, and the method of calculation of the performance of the air-conditioner in relation to the amount of the energy consumption defined as numerical values (the energy consumption efficiency) will be provided. 2. Air-conditioners for cooling only and passengers automobiles which consume gasoline fuel and can only accommodate up to ten passengers continue to be designated as "Designated Machinery" based on the Law concerning the Rational Use of Energy after amendment. The method of the calculation of the energy consumption efficiency of the air-conditioner and the automobile is provided for in the Ministerial Order currently in force. (The Government of Japan will take into account comments, if any, made by interested parties, concerning the above items in 2, as well as the items in 1, and is willing to discuss them upon request.)

7. Objective and rationale: To promote energy conservation through prevalence of machineries and equipments of which the energy consumption efficiency is high, in order to cope with the recent increase of energy consumption in household-service and transportation sectors, global warming problem, and so on.
8. Relevant documents: The basic law is the Law concerning the Rational Use of Energy. The said amendment will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Date of adoption: July 1993 Entry into force: August 1993
10. Final date for comments: 25 June 1993
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: