

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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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
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 <input type="checkbox"/> , 2.6.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.3.2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , 7.4.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , Other:
4.	Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): (1) Measuring instruments (2) Transparent or translucent glass containers which are used for selling by containing goods therein and by volume in the legal measuring units, belonging to the type provided for by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as "special container").
5.	Title: Amendment to the Measurement Law
6.	Description of content: A. Pattern approval of measuring instruments for foreign manufacturers (1) The amendment would enable foreign manufacturers of measuring instruments exporting to Japan to obtain pattern approval by the Minister of International Trade and Industry or Japan Electric Meters Inspection Corporation as well as to take the test performed by the verification bodies. (2) It will become possible for the foreign manufacturer who obtained pattern approval to affix the pattern approval number to the measuring instruments which belong to the pattern approved according to the method provided by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry Ordinance. Otherwise, it would be forbidden to affix the pattern approval number or any indication which might be mistaken therefor. B. Designation for business of manufacturing of special containers by foreigners (1) Any person who is engaged in the business of manufacturing special containers outside Japan will be able to obtain the designation from the Minister of International Trade and Industry for each factory or workshop.
7.	Objective and rationale: To ensure in terms of legal systems that there be no discrimination between nationals and non-nationals in certification procedures.
8.	Relevant documents: Basic document is the Measurement Law
9.	Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Not yet determined
10.	Final date for comments: The purpose of this amendment is to proceed further with the opening of the Japanese market by ensuring in terms of legal systems that there be no discrimination between nationals and non-nationals in certification procedures, in the light of the views and requests presented by Japan's trading partners. Given the urgent nature of this legislation, it has been decided by the Cabinet to present the legislation promptly to the current session of the Diet. Such being the case, there will be no comment period for this legislation.
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address of other body: