

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: Electrical Appliances
5. Title: Amendment to the Electrical Appliance and Material Control Law.
6. Description of content: A. Registration of foreign manufacturers: (1) Those in foreign countries who intend to engage in the business of manufacture of the Category A of electrical appliances and materials will be able to obtain registration by the Minister of International Trade and Industry. (2) Regulations concerning the procedure for registration and so forth of domestic manufacturers shall apply <u>mutatis mutandis</u> to registration of foreign manufacturers. B. Type approval for foreign manufacturers: (1) Foreign registered manufacturers will be able to receive type approval by the Minister of International Trade and Industry for goods of Category A of electrical appliances and materials which they wish to manufacture and to export to Japan. (2) Regulations concerning procedure for type approval and the obligation of the recipients of the approval (such as the obligation to comply with standards), shall apply <u>mutatis mutandis</u> to foreign manufacturers. C. Type authorization regarded as given to importers: When an importer of Category A electrical appliances and materials receives confirmation by the Minister of International Trade and Industry that the type of Category A electrical appliance he wishes to sell belongs to the same type classification and manufactured by the same manufacturer as a type which has already been authorized for other importers, the goods in question will be regarded as having obtained type authorization.
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 Electrical Appliances and Materials Control 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: