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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

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry of the Environment  <b>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:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> The following chemical substances 1. 1.1.2.2 Tetrafluoroethane HFC-134 2. 1.1.1.2 Tetrafluoroethane HFC-134a 3. 1.1.2 Trifluoroethane HFC-143 4. 1.1.1.3.3 Pentafluoropropane HFC-245fa 5. 1.1.1.3.3 Pentafluorobutane HFC-365mfc 6. 1.1.1.2.3.3.3 Pentafluoropropane HFC-227ea 7. 1.1.1.2.2.3 Hexafluoropropane HFC-236cb 8. 1.1.1.2.3.3. Hexafluoropropane HFC-236ea 9. 1.1.1.3.3.3 Hexafluoropropane HFC-236fa 10. 1.1.2.2.3 Pentafluoropropane HFC-245ca 11. 1.1.1.2.3.4.4.5.5.5 Decafluoropentane HFC-43-10mee 12. Difluoromethane HFC-32 13. 1.1.1.2.2 Pentafluoroethane HFC-125 14. 1.1.1 Trifluoroethane HFC-143a 15. Fluoromethane HFC-41 16. 1.2 Difluoroethane HFC-152 17. 1.1 Difluoroethane HFC-152a 18. Trifluoromethane HFC-23

<b>5.</b>	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> "Draft revision of the Act on the Protection of the Ozone Layer Through the Control of Specified Substances and Other Measures" (2 page(s), in English)
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Description of content:</b> Since the amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (hereinafter referred to as "the Protocol") was adopted in October 2016, reduction of production and import of eighteen kinds of hydrofluorocarbons (hereinafter referred to as "the HFCs") that have global warming potential will be imposed on the parties involved.</p> <p>In order for us to fulfill our obligations, we will revise the Act on the Protection of the Ozone Layer Through the Control of Specified Substances and Other Measures (hereinafter referred to as "the Ozone Protection Law") in compliance with the Protocol in order to control production and import of the eighteen HFCs.</p> <p>We belong to non-Article 5 countries under the Protocol and will take measures, commencing on 1 January 2019, to control production and import amounts that producers should obtain permission for from Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry under the "Ozone Protection Law" while importers should receive approvals from the Minister under the "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act".</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> To ensure the implementation of the reduction obligation under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Relevant documents:</b> The Act on the Protection of the Ozone Layer Through the Control of Specified Substances and Other Measures.</p> <p>This revision will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> Summer 2018</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> January 2019</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b></p> <p>International Trade Division  Economic Affairs Bureau  Ministry of Foreign Affairs  2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku  Tokyo 100-8919, Japan  Fax: +(81) 3 5501 8343  E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp">enquiry@mofa.go.jp</a>  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/JPN/17_5630_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/JPN/17_5630_00_e.pdf</a></p>