

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Transport 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 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Motor Vehicles (HS: 87.01, 87.04, 87.05, 87.11)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Partial Amendment of the Safety Regulations for Road Vehicles (available in English, 4 pages)
6. Description of content: To reinforce noise regulations for all-wheel-drive trucks, tractors and crane trucks with GVW exceeding 3.5 tons, small-sized two-wheeled motor vehicles (with total engine displacement over 0.25 liter), and 2 nd class driven cycles (vehicles with total engine displacement over 0.05 liter and under 0.125 liter)
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To improve amenity in the metropolitan areas and in the areas along main trunk roads, by reducing vehicle noise.
8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Safety Regulations for Road Vehicles (1951, Ministerial Ordinance Number 67 of the Ministry of Transport);- Official Gazette (when adopted)
9. Proposed date of adoption: January 2000 Proposed date of entry into force: 1) October 2001 at the earliest (for domestically produced vehicles) and September 2002 at the earliest (for imported vehicles), both in the categories of all-wheel-drive trucks, tractors and crane trucks (with GVW exceeding 3.5 tons, and maximum engine output of 150kw or less) and 2 nd class motor driven cycles. 2) October 2001 at the earliest (for domestically produced vehicles) and September 2003 at the earliest (for imported vehicles), both in the categories of all-wheel-drive trucks, tractors and crane trucks (with GVW exceeding 3.5 tons, and maximum engine output over 150kw) and small-sized two-wheeled motor vehicles.
10. Final date for comments: 17 December 1999
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: