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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

NOTIFICATION

- Notifying Member: <u>JAPAN</u>
 If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
- 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism MLIT

 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:
- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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 cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than those of heading 87.02), including station wagons and racing cars. (HS: 8703), Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (HS: 8704)
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: The Partial Amendment of "Public Notice that Prescribes Details of Safety Regulations for the Road Transport Vehicle" (3 pages, in English)
- 6. **Description of content:** Amendments to the relevant regulations concerning on frontal impact with focus on restraint systems in order to harmonize them with UN Regulation (formally called UNECE Regulations) No.137 based on the "1958 Agreement" and amendments to the relevant regulations concerning UN Regulation No. 94 (Including vehicles used for the carriage of goods which is exclude these regulations.)
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To promote the international harmonization of the vehicle regulation for automotive parts and equipment without degrading the levels of the national safety.

Protection of human health or safety

8. Relevant documents: Public Notice that Prescribes Details of Safety Regulations for the Road Transport Vehicles (Public Notice of MLIT No. 619, 2002), etc.

The amendments will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when promulgated.

9. Proposed date of adoption: 18 June 2016

Proposed date of entry into force: 1 September 2020 or 1 September 2023

10. **Final date for comments**: 60 days from notification

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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