The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: **JAPAN**

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of International Trade and Industry

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [ ], 2.6.1 [ ] , 7.3.2 [x] , 7.4.1 [ ] , Other:

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Gas appliances

5. Title: Amendment to the Gas Utility Industry Law

6. Description of content:
   A. Registration of foreign manufacturers
      Foreign manufacturers producing gas appliances for exportation to Japan will be able to obtain registration by the Minister of International Trade and Industry
   B. Type approval for foreign manufacturers
      Foreign registered manufacturers will be able to obtain approval of the Minister of International Trade and Industry for gas appliances to be exported to Japan.
   C. Procedure of registration, type approval and so forth for foreign manufacturers
      Provisions concerning procedure of registration, type approval and so forth for domestic manufacturers, and similar provisions for manufacturers of Class 1 liquefied petroleum gas appliances in the Law concerning the Security of Safety and the Optimization of Transaction of Liquefied Petroleum Gas shall apply mutatis mutandis to foreign manufacturers.

7. Objective and rationale: To ensure in terms of legal systems that there be no discrimination between nationals and non-nationals in certification procedures.


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 [x] or address of other body: