NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: JAPAN

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Transport

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): Automobiles

5. Title: Amendment to the Road Vehicles Act

6. Description of content: Foreign manufacturers etc. who manufacture automobiles abroad to be exported to Japan will be able to apply for type designation of automobiles.

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 Road Vehicles Act.

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: