NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: JAPAN


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

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   Equipment used for fire-fighting. (It is not yet determined which product shall be designated.)

5. Title: Amendment to the Fire Service Law

6. Description of content:
   (1) As regards certain equipment used for fire-fighting, self-certification system shall be newly introduced.
   (2) Manufacturers or importers of these products may affix the certification mark (sale of these products without which is prohibited) by themselves if they make certain notifications to the Government and certify conformity to the safety standards by themselves.

7. Objective and rationale: To improve access to Japanese markets. (Transition from government-certification to self-certification.)

8. Relevant documents: The amendment will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.

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 reduction of government intervention.
    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 commenting period for this legislation. However, enough commenting period will be provided when the relevant draft ordinances which stipulate the detail of this amendment will be notified.

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point or address of other body: 85-2136