GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:

4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   
   Small disposable can to be filled up with HFC 134a and CFC 12 (HS: 2903.40)

5. Title: Amendment to the Standards for a Small Disposable Can to be Filled Up with CFC 12 and Establishment of the Standards for a Small Disposable Can to Be Filled Up with HFC 134a (available in Japanese, 1 page)

6. Description of content:

   (a) The proposed standards for a small disposable can to be filled up with HFC 134a are as follows:

   1. The can shall be made of steel or aluminium alloy;
   2. The can shall be neither transformed at 19 kg./cm.² or less nor broken at 23 kg./cm.² or less;
   3. The volume of the can shall be 101 cm.³ or more for 100 g. HFC 134a;
   4. The handling instruction shall be indicated on the can.

   (b) The proposed standards for a small disposable can to be filled up with CFC 12 are as follows:

   1. The can shall be made of steel or aluminium alloy;
   2. The can shall be neither transformed at 18 kg./cm.² or less nor broken at 21 kg./cm.² or less;
   3. The volume of the can shall be 92 cm.³ or more for 100 g. CFC 12;
   4. The handling instruction shall be indicated on the can.
7. Objective and rationale: HFC 134a is expected to substitute CFC 12, which was defined as a controlled substance for the protection of the ozone layer. The standards for a small disposable can to be filled up with HFC 134a is thereby established so that the can could be included among those small disposable cans which are exempted from the application of the High Pressure Gas Control Law.

At the same time, the standards for a small disposable can to be filled with CFC 12 will be reviewed in terms of safety for human beings.

8. Relevant documents: The Decision Concerning the Liquefied Gases which Are Exempted from Application of the High Pressure Gas Control Law.

The said standards 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: 24 May 1991

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: