

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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### 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

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):

Mountain-climbing ropes (HS: 5609)

5. Title: Amendment to Ministerial Ordinance Concerning Safety Standards of Specific Products under the Jurisdiction of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (available in English, 3 pages)

6. Description of content: Mountain-climbing ropes are designated as "first-class specific consumer products" by the Cabinet Order (Enforcement Ordinance of the Consumer Product Safety Law), for which safety standards are established.

The points of the Amendment are as follows:

- (a) to delete the requirements of diameter of ropes;
- (b) to delete the requirements for certain environmental condition tests;
- (c) to add requirements for certain tests on ropes, taking into account their use as doubled ropes;
- (d) to add requirements for labelling "1/2" on ropes which are used as doubled ropes.

7. Objective and rationale: To relax safety standards in order to adjust to the change of qualities and actual usage of mountain-climbing ropes and related goods currently in the market, taking into account the need to harmonize with foreign standards such as UIAA.

8. Relevant documents: The Consumer Product Safety Law

The said 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: 20 March 1990

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