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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

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):

Nickel-Cadmium Storage Batteries (HS:8507.30) (Applied only to those cells which are of sealed type with a capacity of less than 25 Ah, with the exception of those imported and already housed in instruments as well as those imported and supplied without being treated for insulation.)

5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Establishment of a Government Ordinance to designate "nickel-cadmium storage batteries" as "Second Designated Product" and establishment of a Ministerial Ordinance to provide for labelling standards based on "Law for the Promotion of Utilization of Recycled Resources". (Available in English, 2 pages).

6. Description of content:

- (1) Based on Article 2.3 of "Law for the Promotion of Utilization of Recycled Resources", "nickel-cadmium storage batteries" will be designated as "Second Designated Product" by a Government Ordinance. The designation will obligate the manufacturers and importers to label nickel-cadmium storage batteries" with a view to facilitating their collection for recycling.
- (2) Based on Article 16 of "Law for the Promotion of Utilization of Recycled Resources", the labelling standards are provided for in a Ministerial Ordinance.

7. Objective and rationale: To provide labelling standards to facilitate the collection of the nickel-cadmium storage batteries by consumers and rubbish collectors. The collection is intended to recycle nickel and cadmium, rare metal contained in the nickel-cadmium batteries, after these batteries are used. The collection of batteries thereby contributes to the protection of the environment.

8. Relevant documents: The basic law is the "Law for the Promotion of Utilization of Recycled Resources".

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: May 1993

10. Final date for comments: 10 May 1993

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