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NOTIFICATION

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

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u>
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. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Computers (main units of computer system and magnetic disc units) (HS:8471.10, 8471.20, 8471.91, 8471.93)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment to Enforcement Ordinance for the Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy and Establishment to Ministerial Notice (available in Japanese, 2 pages)
6.	Description of content: Based on the Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy, computers will be designated as "Designated Machinery" to which provisions of indication of energy consumption efficiency of machinery and equipment will be applied, and the methods of calculation of the performance of the computers in relation to the amount of the energy consumption defined as numerical values (the energy consumption efficiency) and the matters of indication will be provided.
7.	Objective and rationale: To promote energy conservation through prevalance of machinery and equipment of which the energy consumption efficiency is high, in order to cope with the recent increase of energy consumption in household-service sectors, the global warming problem, and so on.
8.	Relevant documents: The basic law is the Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Not yet determined
10.	Final date for comments: 10 August 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: