NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** JAPAN**If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)Ministry of the Environment (MOE)**Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****:**  |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** The following mercury-using products1. Strain gauges to be used in plethysmographs2. Mercury vacuum pumps3. Tyre balancers and wheel weights4. Photographic film and paper5. Propellant for satellites and spacecraft |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Revision of the "Enforcement Order of the Act on Preventing Mercury Pollution of the Environment"; (1 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Based on Article 2 of the Act on Preventing Mercury Pollution of the Environment, the following will be designated as specified mercury-using products whose manufacture is particularly in need of regulation. Their usage as components in the manufacture of other products will also be restricted.1. Strain gauges to be used in plethysmographs2. Mercury vacuum pumps3. Tyre balancers and wheel weights4. Photographic film and paper5. Propellant for satellites and spacecraft |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** To prevent environmental mercury pollution, five additional products will be designated as "specified mercury-using products" under the Act. This revision is based on the decisions at the Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-4) -Second segment in 2022. ; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** - Act on Preventing Mercury Pollution of the Environment (Act No. 42 of June 19, 2015)<https://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/en/laws/view/3232>- Enforcement Order of the Act on Preventing Mercury Pollution of the Environment(Cabinet Order No. 378 of November 11, 2015)<https://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/en/laws/view/4280> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** October 2023**Proposed date of entry into force:** January 2025 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** International Trade DivisionEconomic Affairs BureauMinistry of Foreign Affairs2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-kuTokyo 100-8919, JapanTel.: + (81) 3 5501 8344Fax: + (81) 3 5501 8343E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/TBT/JPN/23_11299_00_e.pdf> |