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)  **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 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Magnetic disc units; NUCLEAR REACTORS, BOILERS, MACHINERY AND MECHANICAL APPLIANCES; PARTS THEREOF (HS 84) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Revisions of the Ministerial Ordinance and the Notification of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) under the Act on the Rational Use of Energy (3 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** These revisions of the standards under the Act on the Rational Use of Energy include energy consumption efficiency standards for targeted fiscal year (FY2023), measurement method, labeling requirement, etc. of the products listed in column 4. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** To promote rationalization of energy use pertaining to magnetic disc unites in Japan, in order to cope with the recent increase of energy consumption in the business sector, climate change, and so forth.; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * The Act on the Rational Use of Energy; <https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/search/elawsSearch/elaws_search/lsg0500/detail?lawId=354AC0000000049> * Report on New Energy Conservation Standards for Magnetic Disc Units compiled by the Advisory Committee for Energy's working group (in Japanese); <https://www.meti.go.jp/shingikai/enecho/shoene_shinene/sho_energy/denshi_keisanki/pdf/20200820_01.pdf> * These revisions are to be publicised in the Official Government Gazette "KAMPO" when adopted. Regulations before amendment are available at the following site (in Japanese); <https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/search/elawsSearch/elaws_search/lsg0500/detail?lawId=354M50000400074> <https://www.enecho.meti.go.jp/category/saving_and_new/saving/enterprise/equipment/pdf/07_jikidisc.pdf> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** Around March 2021  **Proposed date of entry into force:** Around April 2021\* (except labeling requirement\*\*) \* Target fiscal year for achieving the new standard is set to be FY2023. \*\* As for labeling requirement, proposed date of entry into force is around March, 2022. |
| **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 Division Economic Affairs Bureau Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8919, Japan  Tel.: + (81) 3 5501 8344  Fax: + (81) 3 5501 8343  E-mail:　[enquiry@mofa.go.jp](mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/JPN/20_7744_00_e.pdf> |