

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Transport 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: 981616
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Motor vehicles (HS:87.01, 02, 04, 05)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Revision of the Safety Regulations for Road Vehicles (available in English)
6.	Description of content: To tighten regulations on noise from the following vehicles: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Buses with a GVW of exceeding 3.5 t. and a maximum power of less than 150kw;- trucks with a GVW of exceeding 1.7 t. and less than 3.5 t.;- mini-sized trucks with cab-over-engine type cab.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To reduce motor vehicle noise in large city areas and those areas along main trunk roads.
8.	Relevant documents: The basic law is the Safety Regulations for Road Vehicles Act. These revisions will be made public in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: (1) For the following domestically-made models: October 2000 at the earliest: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Buses with a GVW of exceeding 3.5 t. and a maximum power of less than 150kw;- trucks with a GVW of exceeding 1.7 t. and less than 3.5 t.;- mini-sized trucks with cab-over-engine type cab.

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9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force (cont'd): (2) For the following foreign-made models: September 2001 at the earliest: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Buses with a GVW of exceeding 3.5 t. and a maximum power of less than 150kw;- mini-sized trucks with cab-over-engine type cab. (3) For the following foreign-made models: September 2002 at the earliest: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Trucks with a GVW of exceeding 1.7 t. and less than 3.5 t.
10.	Final date for comments: 13 November 1998
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: