

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: JAPAN If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Construction Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): Houses
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Evaluation of Performance of Houses under the "Housing Quality Assurance Act" (2 pages, available in English)
6.	Description of content: Under the provision of Article 5, Chapter 3 of the Act, the Minister of Construction will establish the standards for methods of evaluating performance of houses. Application of standards is not obligatory but voluntary.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To protect the interest of home-buyers by providing them with information regarding the performance of houses evaluated with common criteria.
8.	Relevant documents: The Housing Quality Assurance Act. The standard will be made public in "KAMPO" (Official Gazette)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } June 2000 (unfixed)
10.	Final date for comments: 10 April 2000
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: