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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAPAN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare <b>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:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Asbesto (HS: 2524) and preparations containing them which are used as samples for asbestos analysis or education of asbestos investigation, and are used as materials or ingredients
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Amendment to Order for Enforcement of Industrial Safety and Health Act and related ordinances (1 page(s), in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Order for Enforcement of Industrial Safety and Health Act and related ordinances are to be partially amended to place obligations on the business operators relating to asbestos.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> In order to prevent health impairment of workers due to asbestos; Protection of human health or safety
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> The Industrial Safety and Health Law. These amendments are to be published in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted
<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> March 2018 (planned) <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> June 2018 (planned)
<b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification
<b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b>  Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: (+81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp">enquiry@mofa.go.jp</a>