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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

1. Notifying Member: <u>JAPAN</u> 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): Specified mercury-using products listed below: <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Specified mercury-using products</th><th>Entry Date</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Button zinc silver oxide batteries with a mercury content < 1% [1] and button zinc air batteries with a mercury content < 2%</td><td>1.1.2026</td></tr><tr><td>Compact fluorescent lamps with an integrated ballast (CFL.i) for general lighting purposes that are ≤ 30 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner</td><td>1.1.2026</td></tr><tr><td>Cold cathode fluorescent lamps (CCFL) and external electrode fluorescent lamps (EEFL) of all lengths for electronic displays, not included in the listing directly below. (a) short length (≤ 500 mm) with mercury content exceeding 3.5 mg per lamp (b) medium length (> 500 mm and ≤ 1 500 mm) with mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp (c) long length (> 1500 mm) with mercury content exceeding 13 mg per lamp</td><td>1.1.2026</td></tr><tr><td>The following electrical and electronic measuring devices, except those installed in large-scale equipment or those used for high precision measurement, where no suitable mercury- free alternative is available:</td><td>1.1.2026</td></tr></tbody></table>	Specified mercury-using products	Entry Date	Button zinc silver oxide batteries with a mercury content < 1% [1] and button zinc air batteries with a mercury content < 2%	1.1.2026	Compact fluorescent lamps with an integrated ballast (CFL.i) for general lighting purposes that are ≤ 30 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner	1.1.2026	Cold cathode fluorescent lamps (CCFL) and external electrode fluorescent lamps (EEFL) of all lengths for electronic displays, not included in the listing directly below. (a) short length (≤ 500 mm) with mercury content exceeding 3.5 mg per lamp (b) medium length (> 500 mm and ≤ 1 500 mm) with mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp (c) long length (> 1500 mm) with mercury content exceeding 13 mg per lamp	1.1.2026	The following electrical and electronic measuring devices, except those installed in large-scale equipment or those used for high precision measurement, where no suitable mercury- free alternative is available:	1.1.2026
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	(a) Melt pressure transducers, melt pressure transmitters and melt pressure sensors	
	Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) for general lighting purposes that are > 30 watts	1.1.2027
	Compact fluorescent lamps with a non-integrated ballast (CFL.ni) for general lighting purposes that are ≤ 30 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner	1.1.2027
	Linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs) for general lighting purposes: (a) Halophosphate phosphor ≤ 40 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 10 mg per lamp (b) Halophosphate phosphor > 40 watts	1.1.2027
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<p>[1] "silver oxide batteries (limited to those with a mercury content of less than one percent by weight that are button batteries)" are already Specified Mercury-using Products on the Enforcement Order (https://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/en/laws/view/4280)</p>		
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"; (2 page(s), in English)	
6.	Description of content: Based on Article 2, Paragraph 1 of the Act on Preventing Mercury Pollution of the Environment, the above products 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 regulated.	
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To protect human health from mercury and to maintain the integrity of the living environment and to ensure the reliable and smooth implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury through international cooperation, it is necessary to take measures to regulate manufacture of specified mercury-using products and their usage as components in the manufacture of other products.	

8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 2024 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2026, 1 January 2027, and 1 January 2028
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 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/JPN/24_04309_00_e.pdf