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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) 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): · Drilling machine · Storage facility of gunpowder
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Ministerial Order to Provide Technical Standards about facilities for exploratory drilling sites for CO2 storage; (1 page(s), in English)
6.	Description of content: The Act on Carbon Dioxide Storage Business stipulates that storage business operators maintain CO2 storage facilities to ensure that they conform to the technical standards established by Order of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. We will enact a Ministerial Order to Provide Technical Standards about facilities for exploratory drilling sites for CO2 storage based on the Act on Carbon Dioxide Storage Business to maintain public safety and prevent the occurrence of accidents, similar to the standards mandated by the Mine Safety Act.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety
8.	Relevant documents: · Ministerial Order to Provide Technical Standards for Structures Used in Mining (Order of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry No. 97 of 2004) (only in Japanese); https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/document?lawid=416M60000400097 · Ministerial Order to Provide Technical Standards for Gas Facilities (Ordinance of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry No. 101 of 2000) (only in Japanese);

<p>https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/document?lawid=412M50000400111</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation on Safety of General High Pressure Gas <p>(Ordinance of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry No. 53 of 1966) (only in Japanese);</p> <p>https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/document?lawid=341M50000400053</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation for Enforcement of the Explosives Control Act <p>(Ordinance of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry No. 88 of 1950) (only in Japanese);</p> <p>https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/document?lawid=325M50000400088</p>	<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: 18 October 2024</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: 1 November 2024</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification</p>	<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>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</p> <p>https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/JPN/24_04931_00_e.pdf</p>