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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 10 November 2026, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Japan.

Title: Revisions of the Notification of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) under the Act on the Rational Use of Energy

Reason for Addendum:	
[ ]	Comment period changed - date:
[ ]	Notified measure adopted - date:
[X]	Notified measure published - date: 31 March 2026
[X]	Notified measure enters into force - date: 1 April 2026* (except for the labeling requirement**) *The target fiscal year for achieving the new criteria is fiscal year 2028. **The date of entry into force of the labelling requirement is April 1, 2027.
[X]	Text of final measure available from[1]: https://www.kanpo.go.jp/old/20260331/20260331g00075/20260331g000750729f.html
[ ]	Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date: Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:
[ ]	Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from[1]: New deadline for comments (if applicable):
[ ]	Interpretive guidance issued and text available from[1]:
[ ]	Other:

Description: Under the Act on the Rational Use of Energy (Law No. 49 of 1979; hereinafter referred to as the "Energy Efficiency Law"), the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry shall establish and publicize standards for manufacturers/importers (hereinafter referred to as the "manufacturers, etc."), with regard to the improvement of the energy efficiency performance of each type of equipment specified by Cabinet Order under the Energy Efficiency Law, including gas or oil water heaters.

The Minister shall also specify the information to be displayed by manufacturers, etc., with regard to the energy efficiency of the specified equipment, including gas or oil water heaters.

[1] This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

In addition, the energy efficiency standards shall be established taking into consideration the highest level of energy consumption performance of the respective types of specified equipment and other related factors.

Since the water heating sector accounts for around 30% of energy consumption in residential properties, it is the largest end-use of energy in households. To further promote energy efficiency in this sector, the Minister proposes new energy efficiency standards for gas water heaters.