NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** JAPAN  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)  ※The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) is responsible for the joint management of the notice on PET bottles for beverages.  **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 [ ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 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):** PET bottles for beverages, Stationery, Household cosmetic containers, Household cleaning agents |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Certification criteria for Excellent Design of Plastic Circularity; (2 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** With the launch of a system in which the competent authorities certify particularly excellent DfE(Design for the Environment) that comply with the Guideline for DfE, Japan will establish certification criteria for four items. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  ・The Act on Promotion of Resource Circulation for Plastics  <https://laws.e-gov.go.jp/law/503AC0000000060/20220401_000000000000000>  <https://www.env.go.jp/content/900452895.pdf>  ・Guideline for DfE (Design for Environment) ※Only Japanee  <https://plastic-circulation.env.go.jp/wp-content/themes/plastic/assets/pdf/kokuji_002.pdf>  ・Certification criteria for Excellent Design of plastic circularity ※Only Japanee  <https://public-comment.e-gov.go.jp/pcm/detail?CLASSNAME=PCMMSTDETAIL&id=595125028&Mode=0> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 1 July 2025  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 January 2026 |
| **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](mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/JPN/25_03040_00_e.pdf> |