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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 Internal Affairs and Communications 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): Internet protocol mobile telephone terminals and terminal equipment connected to private leased circuit facilities, etc.
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Partial amendment of Regulations for Terminal Facilities, and establishment and partial amendment of relevant public notices; (2 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) will add provisions that specify the functions required for Internet protocol mobile telephone terminals to implement intercarrier roaming into the Regulations for Terminal Facilities and establish a new public notice to describe the details of these functions. Moreover, MIC will amend the relevant public notice to specify the functions required for terminal equipment connected to private leased circuit facilities, etc. to implement intercarrier roaming. In addition, MIC will provide some exceptions to the functions that business telecommunications facilities for mobile phones should be equipped with, based on technically unavoidable restrictions when intercarrier roaming is conducted in an emergency.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: These regulations enable mobile phone users to implement intercarrier roaming by temporary connecting with other networks provided by different suppliers than the networks which they normally use, in emergencies such as natural disasters or telecommunication failures.

8. Relevant documents: The Regulations for Terminal Facilities (Ministerial Ordinance) and related public notices. The amendment will be published in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted. (available in Japanese)
9. Proposed date of adoption: April or May, 2025 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 October 2025
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: Japan Enquiry Point International Trade Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fax: (+81 3) 5501 8343 E-mail: enquiry@mofa.go.jp https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/JPN/25_00981_00_e.pdf