NOTIFICATION

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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 Health, Labour and Welfare  **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 [****], other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Mobile cranes (item (4) of article 12 of Order for Enforcement of Industrial Safety and Health Act (Cabinet Order No. 318 of 1972.here in after referred to as "Order"). HS: 84.26), Cranes (item (3) of article 12 of the Order. HS: 84.26), Elevators (item (6) of article 12 of the Order. HS: 84.26), Gondoras (item (8) of article 12 of the Order. HS: 84.26), Over-load cutout devices for cranes or mobile cranes (item (4) of article 14-2 of the Order. HS: 84.31) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Amendment to the Construction Code for Mobile cranes etc. (2 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Amendments of the Construction Code for Mobile cranes (Notification No.135 of the Ministry of Labour, 1995), which aims to the items  (1) to (5) below.  Amendments of the Construction Code for Gondras (Notification No.26 of the Ministry of Labour, 1994) and the Construction Code for Cranes (Notification No.134 of the Ministry of Labour, 1995) , which aim to the items  (3) to (5) below.  Amendments of the Construction Code for Elevators (Notification No.91 of the Ministry of , Labour, 1993) , which aims to the items (4) and (5) below.  Amendments to the Construction Code for Over-load cutout devices for cranes or mobile cranes (Notification No.57 of the Ministry of Labour, 1972), which aims to the item (5) below.  Items of the amendments  (1) Permit design of limit state method in mobile cranes in addition to allowable stress method; and revise the standard of forward stability of mobile cranes to harmonize it to international standards.  (2) Oblige to equip with over-load cutout devices to mobile cranes of less than live load 3t, even if the mobile cranes equip with load meters.  (3) Permit any method of perforation by which no cracks or burrs occur other than drilling.  (4) Exempt machines which have special structure or fabricated in accordance with international standards etc. from the Construction Codes when the Director-General of Labour Standards Bureau ensures equal safety as the Code.  (5) Harmonize to the latest revision of relevant Japan Industrial Standards. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** In order to prevent occupational accidents due to mobile cranes etc. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** The Industrial Safety and Health Act. These amendments are to be published in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** December 2017 (planned)  **Proposed date of entry into force:** December 2017 (planned) |
| **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](mailto:enquiry@mofa.go.jp)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/JPN/17_3907_00_e.pdf> |