

**Japan's Proposal
For Regulatory Reform Dialogue
(List)**

A. Cross-sectoral Issues

A.1 Commercial Laws and Business Practices

1. Early adoption of draft directive allowing offset of profits and losses across multiple EU member states
2. Legal framework at EU level allowing cross-border mergers
3. A European Private Company Statute
4. Corporate social responsibility (CSR)
5. Consultation procedures in EU member states
6. Introduction of prior confirmation procedures for the application of laws and ordinances in the EU "No action letter"
7. Labeling the country of origin for EU products
8. Treatment of accumulated losses in Spain, France and Italy
9. Improvement of the legal framework for regulating commercial transactions in Spain
10. Simplification of the application procedures provided in the Commercial Law in Austria
11. Amendment procedure of the corporate statute in Germany
12. Elimination of the payment of the goodwill value in Germany
13. Relaxation of the conditions for the conversion of corporate form in France
14. Relaxation of the commercial registration in the Czech Republic

A.2. Standards and Certification

1. Standardized adoption of safety regulation concerning baby carriage in France and England
2. Machine tool inspections regime in the EU market (CE mark)
3. Additional Italian regulation of TV imports
4. New Approach Directives
5. The Protocols to the European Agreements on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products (PECAs) between the EU and Central and East European countries
6. Uniformity of sound pressure regulations for stereo headphones
7. Improvement of the Inspection Procedure in the EU
8. Harmonization of the type approval system for automatic scale
9. Regulations on the shape of plug and socket for electrical outlets, telephone lines, etc.

A.3. Trade and Customs

1. Change in tariff classification of digital video cameras(camcorders) and retroactive duty imposition
2. Tariff classification for flat panel display
3. The European Commission's proposal "obligating declaration 24 hours before customs clearance
4. Shortening the period required for customs procedures in Hungary/customs declaration in Poland
5. Tariff for copying machine toner
6. Tariffs on audiovisual(AV)and household electrical appliances
7. Raising the limit on duty-free goods
8. Integration of customs clearance forms for goods manufactured in the EU and outside the EU

A.4. Information and Intellectual Property

1. Early implementation of the Community Patent System
2. Opposition to the protection of design right concerning repair parts of automobiles
3. Data Protection Directive
4. Harmonization of laws concerning copyright related to music
5. Protection of personal data in commerce-related registration in the Czech Republic

A.5. Employment

1. Overview
2. Spain
3. Belgium
4. Netherlands
5. Germany
6. France
7. Sweden
8. Luxembourg
9. Czech

B. Sectoral Issues

B.1. Legal Services

1. General comments
2. Permission of legal services pertaining to home country laws by foreign lawyers in France
3. Permission of legal services pertaining to third-country laws by foreign lawyers in Germany

B.2. Telecommunications

1. Promotion of LLU (Local Loop Unbundling)
2. Harmonization on the allocation of radio frequencies for Wireless radio LAN
3. Ensuring government neutrality in competition

B.3. Financial Services

1. General Request
2. IAS
3. Entries into credit card business in France
4. Deregulation of investment in Spain
5. Deregulation of settlement between inhabitants in Poland

B.4. Broadcasting Services

1. Enhancing international exchange of contents (“Television without Frontiers” Directives).

B.5. Automobiles, Marine Transport and Air Transport

1. Japan-EU cooperation in realizing international harmonization of regulations for pedestrian safety

2. Adoption of ECE Regulation No.94 and 95
3. The EC's speedy decision-making regarding voting on draft amendment of ECE regulation or new draft ECE regulation at the UN/ECE/WP(World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations)
4. Issuing and selling airline tickets through local travel agencies in Poland
5. The 1% Sludge Rule in Germany
6. Review of EU regulations on exemption of competition legislation concerning liner shipping conference

B.6. Construction

1. Emission regulation concerning off the road construction machinery (Directive 97/68/EC)
2. Registration of Japanese construction companies in Belgium and conditions imposed on unregistered construction companies
3. Compulsory insurance to cover liabilities on defect construction in France

B.7. Medicine/Pharmaceutical

1. Countermeasures for the Parallel Import of Pharmaceutical Products in England and Germany
2. Amendment price setting mechanism of Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme (PPRS) in England according to rate of capital gain
3. Enforcement Scheme for Rebate for Pharmaceutical Products in Germany

B.8. Tourism

1. Work permit for foreign students to engage in tourism jobs in summer in Austria
2. Nationality requirement for tour guides and transparency of setting the fees in Spain
3. License requirement for tour conductors in Italy

C. Environmental Regulations

1. General Requests
2. New chemical regulations in EU : REACH system
3. Directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) ,Directive on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (ROHS)
4. Directive on Battery
5. Directive on establishing a framework for the setting of Eco-design requirements for Energy Using Products

D. Fundamental Matters Related to the Business Environment

D1. Work and Residence Permits

1. Overview: Improving procedures for obtaining work and residence permits
2. Proposal for a Council Directive on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purpose of employment and self-employed economic activities
3. Proposal for a Council Directive related to the freedom to travel of third-country nationals in the territory

4. Expanding the quota, facilitating the acquisition of work permits, expediting the process of delayed issuance of residence permits and improvement of procedures for ban on departure from the country while waiting to obtain residence permits in Italy
5. Expediting the process of issuing and renewing residence and work permits in Spain
6. Expediting and simplifying the process of issuing and renewing residence and work permits in France
7. Expediting and simplifying the process of issuing residence and work permits in Greece
8. Expediting the process of issuing work permits in Germany
9. Expediting and simplifying the process of issuing residence and work permits in Portugal
10. Resuming the suspended application of the Intra-Company Transfer Scheme in Ireland
11. Relaxing the work permits issuance standards in the Netherlands
12. Relaxing the issuance criteria for residence and work permits in Austria
13. Extending the term of validity of student visas in Denmark (Japanese schools in Denmark)
14. Extending the period that students are allowed to work under student visas in the UK
15. Expediting and simplifying the process of issuing residence and work permits and extending their term of validity in the Czech Republic
16. Expediting the process of issuing residence and work permits, extending their term of validity and standardizing the administration in Hungary
17. Expediting and simplifying the process of issuing work permits in the Slovak Republic

D.2. Driving Licenses

1. General comments
2. Problem of exchanging driving licenses in Greece

D.3. Social Security

Eliminating the problem of double payment for social insurance premiums

D.4.Others (Improvement of Investment Environment)

Measures against radical anti-animal experiment groups

(Annex) Tax system

1. General Request : Harmonization of Taxation
2. The merger directive of 1990 to be applied to mergers, transfer of assets, stock transfer, etc.
3. The tax imposition on transfer of goodwill beyond national borders
4. Unification of the corporate taxation basis based on IAS
5. Harmonization of passenger car taxation
6. Abolition of capital tax in the Benelux countries
7. Exemption from documents presentation by International transportation company to tax agency in Italy