

Japan's Proposal
For Regulatory Reform Dialogue
– List of Proposals -

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◆ : New Proposal EC : Proposal to EC M.S. : Proposal to Member States

A. Cross-sectoral Issues

A1. Commercial Laws and Business Practices

1. Cross-border offset of profits and losses 【EC】
2. A Directive on cross-border mergers 【EC, M.S.】
3. Statute for a European Company 【EC】
4. Consultation procedures in EU member states 【EC】
5. Labeling the country of origin for EU products 【EC】

A2. Standards and Certification

1. Integration of standards for fire alarm equipment 【◆, EC, M.S.】
2. Machine tool inspections regime in the EU market (CE mark) 【EC, M.S.】
3. Additional Italian regulation of TV imports 【EC, Italy】
4. Regulation on the shape of plugs and sockets for electrical outlets, telephone lines, etc.
【EC】

A3. Trade and Customs

1. Change in tariff classification of digital video cameras (camcorders) and retroactive duty imposition 【EC】
2. Integration of customs clearance forms for goods manufactured in the EU and outside the EU 【Austria, EC】
3. Customs declaration in Poland 【Poland】
4. Tariffs on audiovisual (AV) and household electrical appliances 【EC】
5. Landing and customs clearance procedures 【◆, EC】
6. Taxation on construction equipment 【◆, UK】

7. Tariff classification for ink cartridges for inkjet printers with IC chips 【◆, EC】
8. 24-hour clearance and customs declaration system 【◆, Czech Republic】

A4. Information and Intellectual Property

1. Early implementation of the Community Patent System 【EC, M.S.】
2. Objection to the abolition of the design protection for replacement parts of cars 【EC, M.S.】
3. Protection of personal information in the commercial registry of the Czech Republic 【Czech Republic】

A5. Employment

1. Overview 【EC, M.S.】

Country-specific issues (individual requests to the Member States)

2. Italy 【◆, Italy, EC】
3. Spain 【Spain, EC】
4. Belgium 【Belgium, EC】
5. The Netherlands 【Netherlands, EC】
6. Germany 【Germany】
7. France 【France, EC】
8. Sweden 【Sweden, EC】
9. Czech Republic 【Czech Republic, EC】

B. Sectoral Issues

B1. Legal Services

1. General comments 【M.S., EC】
2. Foreign Legal Consultants (FLC) in France 【France, EC】
3. Permission of legal services pertaining to third-country laws by foreign lawyers in Germany 【Germany, EC】

B2. Telecommunications

1. Unbundling of backhaul networks
【EC, M.S.】
2. Ensuring government neutrality in competition 【M.S., EC】

B3. Financial Services

1. General Comments 【M.S., EC】
2. International Accounting Standards 【EC】
3. New entry to credit card operations in France 【EC, France】
4. Regulations related to settlement among residents in Poland 【Poland】

B4. Broadcasting Services

1. Enhancing international exchange of contents (“Television without Frontiers” Directive). 【EC, M.S., (especially France)】

B5. Marine Transport and Automobiles

1. International harmonization of regulations for pedestrian safety 【EC】
2. The 1% Sludge Rule in Germany 【Germany, EC】
3. Review of EU regulations on exemption of competition legislation concerning liner shipping services 【EC】

B6. Construction

1. Entry into construction work in Belgium 【Belgium】
2. Enforced insurance system for construction work in France 【France】

B7. Medicine/Pharmaceutical

1. Compliance with the examination period stipulated in the Clinical Trial Directive
【◆, EC, EU M.S. (UK, France, Germany and the Netherlands in particular)】
2. Notification to the new EU Member States of the mechanism of the Declaration
Conformity with the Medical Devices Directive (MDD) 【◆, EC, Poland, other new EU
Member States】
3. Provision of information and exchange of opinions on the application of the Directive

on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS) 【◆, EC】

4. Countermeasures for the parallel importing of pharmaceuticals 【EC, UK, Germany】
5. Review of the reference price system in Germany 【◆, Germany】

B8. Tourism

1. Residence permit applications in Italy 【Italy】

C . Environment

1. General comments 【EC, M.S.】
2. New chemical regulations in the EU: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) 【EC, M.S.】
3. "Directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)" and "Directive on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS)" 【EC, M.S.】
4. Proposal for a new Battery Directive 【EC, M.S.】
5. Proposal for a framework directive for setting eco-design requirements for Energy-using Products (EuP) 【EC, M.S.】
6. Proposal for a regulation on greenhouse gases 【EC, M.S.】

D. Fundamental Matters Related to the Business Environment

D1. Work and Residence Permits

1. Overview: Improving procedures for obtaining work and residence permits 【M.S., EC】

(Requests to Member States on obtaining work and residence permits)

2. Work visas in Italy 【Italy】
3. Visas in Spain 【◆, Spain】
4. Work permits in France 【France】
5. Work and residence permits in Greece 【Greece】
6. Work permits in Germany 【Germany】
7. Working visas in Portugal 【Portugal】

8. Intra-Company Transfer Scheme in Ireland 【Ireland】
9. Work and residence permits in Austria 【Austria】
10. Work and residence permits in the Czech Republic 【Czech Republic】
11. Work and residence permits in Hungary 【Hungary】
12. Work and residence permits in Belgium 【Belgium】
13. Residence permits in Poland 【◆,Poland】
14. Implementation of procedures in Finland 【◆,Finland】
15. Residence permits in the Netherlands 【Netherlands】
16. Student visas in Denmark 【Denmark】
17. Student visas in the UK 【UK】
18. Green Paper on an EU approach to managing economic migration 【EC, M.S.】

D2. Driving Licenses

1. General comments 【EC】
2. Exchange of driving licenses in the Czech Republic 【◆,Czech Republic】
3. Exchange of driving licenses in Greece 【Greece】
4. Driver licenses in Slovakia 【◆,Slovakia】

D3. Others (Developing an investment environment)

1. Measures to deal with animal rights extremists (ARE) 【UK, EC】

Additional Point

1. Eliminating the problem of double contributions for social security system

(Attachment) Taxation

1. General comments: Harmonization of taxation 【EC, M.S.】
2. The Merger Directive – Deferred taxation of unrealized gains on goodwill 【EC, M.S.】
3. The Merger Directive - Shareholding requirements 【EC, M.S.】
4. Common consolidated corporate tax base 【EC】
5. Passenger car taxation 【EC, M.S.】
6. Exemption of international transport corporations from the obligation to submit documents to the tax authority in Italy 【Italy】