

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

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**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, M.S.】

**A2. Standards and Certification**

1. Additional Italian regulation on TV imports 【EC, Italy】
2. Regulation on the shape of plugs and sockets for electrical outlets, telephone lines, etc. 【EC】

**A3. Trade and Customs**

1. Tariff classification (general) 【◆, EC】
2. Anti-dumping investigation on Television Camera Systems 【◆, EC】
3. Digital camera 【◆, EC】
4. Flat panel display monitors 【 , EC】
5. Digital multifunction machines 【◆, EC】
6. Change in the tariff classification of digital video cameras (camcorders) and a retroactive duty imposition 【EC】

**A4. Information and Intellectual Property**

1. Early establishment of the Community Patent 【EC, M.S.】
2. An early entry into force of the European Patent Litigation Agreement (EPLA)

- 【◆, M.S. (except for Malta, a non-member of the European Patent Convention), EC】
3. An early entry into force of the London Agreement designed to reduce the burden of translation required concerning a European Patent 【◆, France】
  4. Promotion of the “Patent Prosecution Highway” 【 , M.S.(except for Malta, a non-member of the European Patent Convention)】
  5. Survey on the distribution of pirated products in the EU and the promotion of tighter controls on these products 【◆,EC, Italy, France】
  6. Improvement of the copyright levy system for items other than audio and visual recordings 【 ,M.S. (excluding the UK, Ireland, Luxembourg, Cyprus, and Malta)】

#### **A5. Employment**

1. Overview 【EC, M.S.】
2. Spain 【Spain, EC】
3. The Netherlands 【The Netherlands, EC】
4. Sweden 【Sweden, EC】
5. Czech Republic 【Czech Republic, EC】
6. Hungary 【◆, Hungary, EC】

#### **A6. Government Procurement**

1. Discriminative measures in procurement procedures of government-affiliated entities in Italy 【◆, Italy, EC】

#### **A7. Maritime Policy**

1. Maritime policy of the European Commission 【◆, EC】

### **B. Sectoral Issues**

#### **B1. Legal Services**

1. General comments 【M.S. EC】
2. Permission of a system that allows foreign lawyers in France to engage in legal services pertaining to the laws of their home country 【France】

3. Permission of legal services pertaining to third-country laws by foreign lawyers in Germany [Germany]

## **B2. Telecommunications**

1. The maintenance of fair competition in the fibre-optic network market 【◆, EC】
2. Fixed-mobile convergence by dominant telecommunication operators 【◆, EC】

## **B3. Financial Services**

1. General comments 【M.S. EC】
2. International Financial Reporting Standards 【EC】
3. Financial standards to be used for individual financial statements 【◆, EC, M.S.】

## **B4. Broadcasting Services**

1. Enhancing international exchange of contents (relaxation of regulations on the quota system) 【EC】
2. Clarification of scope of the linear service 【EC】

## **B5. Construction**

1. Information disclosure on the new EU regulation for noise emission applicable to construction equipment 【 , EC】
2. Entry into construction work in Belgium 【Belgium】

## **B6. Health care and Pharmaceuticals**

1. Thorough control over and instruction to parallel importers 【EC, M.S.】  
【Importing countries: UK, Germany, etc. / Exporting countries: Spain, Greece, etc.】
2. Abolishment of the jumbo group 【Germany】
3. Relaxation or abolishment of the target growth of medical expenses and accompanying penalties 【◆, France】

## **B7. Food Safety**

1. Request of lifting the ban on the export of Japanese meat and meat products to European countries 【◆, EC】

## **B8. Tourism**

1. Nationality requirement on tour guides in Spain 【Spain】
2. 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. Directive of a framework for the setting of Eco-design Requirements for Energy-using Products (EuP) 【EC, M.S.】
5. Proposal for Mobile-Air-Conditioning (MAC) Directive, a related proposed directive 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】
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. Work and residence permits in the Netherlands 【The Netherlands】
14. Work and residence permits in the UK 【UK】
15. Policy Plan on Legal Migration 【EC, M.S.】

## **D2. Driving Licenses**

1. General Comments 【EC】
2. Driver licenses in Slovakia 【Slovakia】
3. Driver licenses in Hungary 【♦, Hungary】

## **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
2. The introduction of a cap on social security contributions in the Czech Republic

### **(Attachment) Taxation**

1. General comments: Harmonization of taxation 【EC, M.S.】
2. The Merger Directive – Deferred taxation on unrealized gains on goodwill 【EC, M.S.】
3. The Merger Directive - Shareholding requirements 【EC, M.S.】
4. Common consolidated corporate tax base 【EC】