

Ordinance of the Ministry for Providing the Matters that Shall be Used by Businesses Engaged in Manufacturing, etc. of Washing Machines as the Standards of Judgment concerning Reduction in Generation of Used Products, etc.
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Chapter 1 Standards of Judgment for the Manufacturers

Article 1 (Rationalization of the Use of Raw Materials, etc)

For the purpose of reducing generation of used products, etc. pertaining to washing machines, businesses that engage in the manufacturing of washing machines (hereinafter referred to as the “Manufacturers”) shall rationalize the use of raw materials, etc., by using downsized or light-weight drive units, housing, or other Parts, etc. (referring to both parts and components; the same shall apply hereinafter) and taking other relevant measures.

Article 2 (Promotion of Long-Term Use)

For the purpose of reducing generation of used products, etc. pertaining to washing machines, the Manufacturers shall promote long-term use of washing machines by adopting highly durable drive units or other Parts, etc. that can be used over the long term, facilitating easy repair by standardizing substrates and other Parts with those for different models, etc. and taking other relevant measures.

Article 3 (Ensuring Safety in Repair, etc.)

For the purpose of reducing generation of used products, etc. pertaining to washing machines, the Manufacturers shall ensure safety in repair of washing machines, by taking into account toxicity and other characteristics of the raw materials.

Article 4 (Ensuring Opportunity for Repair, etc.)

For the purpose of reducing generation of used products, etc. pertaining to washing machines, the Manufacturers shall take measures necessary to secure opportunities for consumers to have their washing machines repaired, by taking the following and other relevant measures, in cooperation with businesses that engage in the repair and sales of washing machines.

- (i) Provision of information on conditions pertaining to repair of the washing machines and other relevant information
- (ii) Securing of technical experts for repair of the washing machines

Article 5 (Considerations for Safety, etc.)

When reducing generation of used products, etc. pertaining to washing machines by making the efforts prescribed in the preceding Articles, the Manufacturers shall consider the safety and durability of the washing machines and other necessary circumstances.

Article 6 (Technological Improvement)

For the purpose of reducing generation of used products, etc. pertaining to washing machines, the Manufacturers shall strive to improve their necessary technologies.

Article 7 (Assessment in Advance)

(1) For the purpose of reducing generation of used products, etc. pertaining to washing machines, the Manufacturers shall, when designing washing machines, conduct assessments in advance on the washing machines with regard to efforts prescribed in Articles 1 to 4.

(2) For the purpose of the assessment set forth in the preceding paragraph, the Manufacturers shall establish the items, standards and methods of assessment for the respective types of washing machines.

(3) When making the assessment set forth in paragraph 1, the Manufacturers shall compile the necessary records.

Article 8 (Provision of Information)

The Manufacturers shall provide information on the structure of washing machines, safety in repairing washing machines, and other information that may contribute to reduction in generation of used products, etc. pertaining to washing machines.

Article 9 (Efforts relating to Packaging Materials)

With regard to packaging materials for washing machines, the Manufacturers shall strive to use simple and light-weight packaging materials, for the purpose of reducing generation of used products, etc., while giving consideration to safety, functionality, economic efficiency and other necessary circumstances.

Chapter 2 Standards of Judgment for the Importers

Article 10 (Rationalization of the Use of Raw Materials, etc)

For the purpose of reducing generation of used products, etc. pertaining to washing machines, businesses that sell washing machines that have been imported by the businesses themselves (hereinafter referred to as the "Importers") shall

rationalize the use of raw materials, etc., by importing and selling washing machines for which downsized or light-weight drive units, housing or other Parts, etc. are adopted and other relevant measures are taken.

Article 11 (Promotion of Long-Term Use)

For the purpose of reducing generation of used products, etc. pertaining to washing machines, the Importers shall promote long-term use of washing machines by importing and selling washing machines for which highly durable drive units or other Parts, etc. that can be used over the long term, are adopted, or easy repair is facilitated by standardizing substrates and other Parts with those for different models, etc. and other relevant measures are taken.

Article 12 (Ensuring Safety in Repair, etc.)

For the purpose of reducing generation of used products, etc. pertaining to washing machines, the Importers shall ensure safety in repair of washing machines, by importing and selling washing machines for which toxicity and other characteristics of the raw materials are taken into account.

Article 13 (Improvement of Knowledge)

For the purpose of reducing generation of used products, etc. pertaining to washing machines, the Importers shall strive to improve their necessary knowledge.

Article 14 (Assessment in Advance)

(1) For the purpose of reducing generation of used products, etc. pertaining to washing machines, the Importers shall, when selling the washing machines imported by them, conduct assessments in advance on the washing machines with regard to efforts prescribed in Articles 10 to 12 and Article 4 as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 16.

(2) For the purpose of assessment set forth in the preceding paragraph, the Importers shall establish the items, standards and methods of assessment for the respective types of washing machines.

(3) When making the assessment set forth in paragraph 1, the Importers shall compile the necessary records.

Article 15 (Efforts relating to Packaging Materials)

With regard to packaging materials for washing machines, the Importers shall strive to import and sell washing machines for which simple and light-weight packaging materials are used, for the purpose of reducing generation of used products, etc., while giving consideration to safety, functionality, economic efficiency and other necessary circumstances.

Article 16 (*Mutatis Mutandis* Application)

The provision of Articles 4, 5 and 8 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Importers. In this case, the term “sales” in Article 4 shall be deemed to be replaced with “sales (excluding sales of washing machines that have been imported by the businesses themselves),” “the preceding Articles” in Article 5 shall be deemed to be replaced with "Articles 10 to 12 and Article 4 as applied *mutatis mutandis* pursuant to Article 16."