

Summary of the partial revision of “Ministerial Ordinance for Technical Requirements of Gas Equipment and Appliances,” and “Ministerial Ordinance for Technical Requirements of LPG Equipment and Appliances”

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1. Background

The Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS) quoted in both the “Ministerial Ordinance of Technical Requirements for Gas Equipment and Appliances,” and the “Ministerial Ordinance of Technical Requirements for LPG Equipment and Appliances” are introduced as technical regulations in gas article. Whenever the ministerial ordinances have been revised, in order to prevent accidents and rationalization of the regulations, the latest version of JIS referred to in the regulations of the equipment concerned has been updated.

However, due to the lack of revision of these regulations and other factors, some parts of the liquefied petroleum gas appliances have been referring to the old version of JIS for a long time.

While the regulations have been left unchanged, some of the Japanese Industrial Standards have been revised or merged, and some were even withdrawn. This discrepancy between the regulations and standards creates difficulties in understanding the contents of the technical regulations.

It is essential to refer to the latest version of JIS in the technical regulations, in order for the users to apply the latest technical regulations, and to allow the government to easily confirm the users’ compliance to the technical regulations.

2. Summary of the revision

(1) Old JISs referred to in “Ministerial Ordinance of Technical Requirements for Gas Equipment and Appliances,” and “Ministerial Ordinance of Technical Requirements for LPG Equipment and Appliances” are to be replaced with the latest JISs.

(2) In the case where the quoted JISs are out of date or do not exist, the new requirements are to be stipulated and previously inappropriate descriptions are to be modified to comply with current technical requirements of Ministerial Ordinances.

3. Date of enforcement

Date of adoption and implementation: November, 2011