

The JFTC Issued the Cease and Desist Orders and Surcharge Payment Orders against taxi business operators , located in Niigata City and its suburbs.

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Japan Fair Trade Commission

The Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) today issued cease and desist orders, and surcharge payment orders against 25 taxi business operators, located in Niigata City and its suburbs since they substantially restrained competition in the field of the taxi business within Niigata traffic area, in concert with each other, for example, making the agreement to fix the Taxi Fares <note 1> to the level of the Automatic Authorizations Fare <note 2>. The total amount of the surcharge payment is 231.75 million yen.

Before issuing the cease and desist orders, and surcharge payment orders, the JFTC had given the enterprises in question an advance notification on the contents of the orders and an opportunity to present their views and to submit evidence. Considering the views and evidence from them, the JFTC issued the orders. The recipients dissatisfied with the orders may request the JFTC to initiate a hearing regarding the orders within sixty days of the date on which the transcript of the orders were served.

<note 1> The term “the Taxi Fare ” means the taxi fare of mileage system fare, time charge fare, combined with time-distance fare and waiting fee regarding small taxi, mid-sized taxi, large-sized taxi, and a certain type of large-sized taxi.

<note 2> The Director-General of the District Transport Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism sets "the Automatic Authorizations Fares" within a certain range, and makes a public notice of "the Automatic Authorizations Fares".