Request for Public Comments on "Summary of Issues Concerning the Modality of the Administrative Surcharge System"

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Japan Fair Trade Commission

The Study Group on the Antimonopoly Act convened by the JFTC (hereinafter the "Study Group") (Chair person: Mr. Daitaro Kishii, Professor of Law, Hosei University) has studied the modality of the administrative surcharge system since February 2016.

The Study Group has compiled a report entitled "Summary of Issues Concerning the Modality of the Administrative Surcharge System" which listed the issues to be discussed in the following meetings, after discussing and holding hearings with experts and interested organizations at the meetings. The Study Group launches a public consultation on the summary of issues addressed in this report to seek opinions, policies, specific ideas and useful information with regard to each of the listed issues from the various interested parties, as follows.

The Study Group will discuss each issue in detail based on "Summary of Issues Concerning the Modality of the Administrative Surcharge System" with taking submitted comments into account.

1. Subject of Public Comments

Tentative translation of the report entitled "Summary of Issues Concerning the Modality of the Administrative Surcharge System" (only Japanese text is authentic) See attached documents.

2. How to obtain related materials:

Related materials are available at:

- a. The official web portal of government of Japan (e-Gov);
- b. The website of the JFTC; or
- c. The Head Office, Policy Planning Office, Economic Affairs Bureau (Tokyo), Regional Offices (Sapporo, Sendai, Nagoya, Osaka and Fukuoka) and Branch Offices (Hiroshima and Takamatsu) of the JFTC and the Fair Trade Office of the Okinawa General Bureau, General Affairs Division, Cabinet Office (Naha).

3. How to submit comments

Please submit your comments <u>in Japanese</u> by either of the following three methods, identifying your name, address and contact information (telephone number, facsimile number or e-mail address). If you submit as a corporation or an association, please identify the location of main office, the name of a corporation or an association and the name of a person who submits a comment. Submitting a comment by phone cannot be accepted.

(1) By e-mail:

The subject of the e-mail should be "Comments on the Summary of Issues Concerning the Modality of the Administrative Surcharge System."

E-mail: kachokin at sign iftc.go.jp

(Please replace "_at sign_" with "@", when you send an e-mail.)

Note: Please submit your comments in text format. Please understand that we cannot accept comments by attached file or URL.

(2) By fax:

Clearly indicate "The Study Group on the Antimonopoly Act Unit, Planning Office, Economic Affairs Bureau" as the addressee, and write "Comments on the Summary of Issues Concerning the Modality of the Administrative Surcharge System" as the subject of the fax cover sheet. Please note that comments sent without the addressee will not be accepted.

Fax number: +81-(0)3-3581-1945

(3) By postal mail:

Send to:

The Study Group on the Antimonopoly Act Unit,

Planning Office, Economic Affairs Bureau, Secretariat,

Japan Fair Trade Commission.

1-1-1, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8987 Japan

4. Due date

August 31th, 2016, no later than 6 p.m. (GMT+9)

5. Notes regarding the submission of comments

Submitted comments and the name (a corporation, an association, a person) at the point of submission may be made public in the materials used by the Study Group. Also, the JFTC will not reply respectively to submitted comments.

The JFTC asks for your identification and contact information, for the communication purpose only where any clarifications may be needed on your comments. The information

provided will not be used for any other purposes.