
**Japan's Information Required under
Article 7, Paragraph 1 of the Kyoto Protocol**

The Government of Japan

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The government of Japan submits this information in accordance with paragraph 2, Decision 15/CMP.1 on a voluntary basis.

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1. Greenhouse Gas Inventory Information

1.1. Steps taken to improve estimates in areas that were previously adjusted

Japan has not taken any step on this issue because there was no specific area that was previously adjusted in the initial review.

1.2. Information of Article 3, paragraph 3 and paragraph 4

See the information of Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4 that Japan submitted on a voluntary basis according to the paragraph 2 of Decision 15/CP.10.

2. Information on ERU, CER, t-CER, l-CER, AAU and RMU

For information on ERUs, CERs, t-CERs, l-CERs, AAUs and RMUs in Japan's National Registry, see the annex "Standard Electric Format for Reporting of Information on Kyoto Protocol Units" submitted on the basis of Decision 14/CMP. 1.

3. Changes in national systems in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 1

No specific change has been conducted.

4. Changes in national registries

- Although the main text of the data exchange standards (DES), which was prepared by the secretariat of the UNFCCC, was not changed, new version (version 1.1.001) of the DES Annex H that defines the contents of interoperability test of the initialization process was published on February 23, 2007. Further revised version (version 1.1.002) of the DES Annex H was published on May 18, 2007. Changes were made to national registry of Japan in order for it to carry out the interoperability test in accordance with the revised versions of the DES Annex H (as described above).
- Version 1.1.001c of the DES Annex E that defines response codes to be sent to registries by the ITL as the results of its automated checks was published on October 23, 2007, and its version 1.1.001e was published on October 26, 2007. Internal checks to be conducted by the Japanese registry were altered such that they were consistent with those checks identified in the revised versions of the DES Annex E (as described above).
- Information on Japan's registry administrator was changed.
- In November, 2007, Japan's national registry was connected to the ITL and started its full operation in its production environment.
- A new function which allows the registry administrators and account holders to print out information on given Kyoto Protocol units held in their accounts was released, but there was no impact on the functions of the ITL and other national registries because the function does

not require international communications.

- The account information and information on unit holding and transactions in 2007 were released on the basis of the live operation which has been conducted since November 2007.
- The some hardware of the national registry was renewed in December, 2007.

5. Minimization of adverse impacts in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 14

Japan's Fourth National Communications describe that "Japan (snip) will strive to implement our commitments under the Kyoto Protocol in such a way to minimize social, environmental and economic adverse impacts on developing countries." However, the methods to evaluate the effort are currently under discussion internationally; hence, it is unable to be assessed.

