

Revision to Regulation on Safety of Gas Containers and a notification of the Ministry of Economy,
Trade and Industry (METI) for High Pressure Gas Safety Act

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1. Outline of the revision

Regulation on Safety of Gas Containers and a relevant ministerial notification and so on are provided under High Pressure Gas Safety Act (Law No. 204, 1951).

In order to promote putting hydrogen-fuelled fuel cell two-wheeled vehicle on the market, Regulation on Safety of Gas Containers and the relevant ministerial notification and so on will be revised.

2. Specific items of the amendment

(1) Application mutatis mutandis of provisions of containers for GTR-compliant compressed hydrogen-fuelled fuel cell vehicle

Provisions of containers for GTR-compliant compressed hydrogen-fuelled fuel cell vehicle shall apply mutatis mutandis to those of containers for hydrogen-fuelled fuel cell two-wheeled vehicle (except 2(2) and 2(3)).

(2) Volume of containers for hydrogen-fuelled fuel cell two-wheeled vehicle

Volume of containers for hydrogen-fuelled fuel cell two-wheeled vehicle must be 23 liter or less.

(3) Marking on containers and their accessories

When a container for hydrogen-fuelled fuel cell two-wheeled vehicle has successfully passed the inspection thereof, the container must be marked as code TVH.

When accessories of containers for hydrogen-fuelled fuel cell two-wheeled vehicle have successfully passed the inspection thereof, the accessories must be marked as code CHGVT.

3. The expected date of enforcement

This amendment of the regulation and the relevant ministerial notification and so on will entry into force around May, 2017.