

**Revision of the Regulation of the Quality Control
of Gasoline and Gas oil**

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The Petroleum Product Quality Subcommittee, Petroleum Committee, Advisory Committee for Natural Resources and Energy compiled their second set of recommendations in August 2003 on measures to reduce waste gas emissions from automobiles.

In response to the recommendations, the regulations for the enforcement of the Law on the Quality Control of Gasoline and Other Fuels will be amended to lower the maximum sulfur content to 10 ppm in the technical regulations and standards for gasoline and Gas oil (see Note). The amendment will be implemented on January 1, 2007 for Gas oil, and on January 1, 2008 for gasoline.

The second set of recommendations by the Petroleum Product Quality Subcommittee, Petroleum Committee, Advisory Committee for Natural Resources and Energy (August 2003):

“In consideration of capability of oil refineries in Japan, the government should take measures to reduce the maximum sulfur content of all Gas oil to 10 ppm from 2007.”

“The maximum sulfur content of all kinds of gasoline should be reduced to 10 ppm from 2008 with consideration being given to capability of oil refineries in Japan.”

(Note) The maximum sulfur content in technical standards for gasoline will be lowered on January 1, 2008, as the JIS (Japanese Industrial Standard) K2202 (automotive gasoline) is expected to be amended by that date.