

Summary of the partial revision of "Ministerial Ordinance of Technical Requirements and Government Ordinance under the Gas Utilities Industry Law" and "Ministerial Ordinance of Technical Requirements and Government Ordinance under the Law concerning the Securing of Safety and Optimization of Transaction of Liquefied Petroleum Gas"

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1. Background of amendment

In Japan, building fires with about 5,000 a year gas cooking appliance (gas cooker).

To prevent these building fires with gas cooking appliance, we will amend the "Ministerial Ordinance of Technical Requirements and Government Ordinance under the Gas Utilities Industry Law" and "Ministerial Ordinance of Technical Requirements and Government Ordinance under the Law concerning the Securing of Safety and Optimization of Transaction of Liquefied Petroleum Gas"

2. Summary of amendment

- (1) We appoint A gas cooker except a gas cooker attaching a small liquefied petroleum gas cylinder (include gas top burner with grill and gas top burner with oven) in "Government Ordinance under the Gas Utilities Industry Law" and "Government Ordinance under the Law concerning the Securing of Safety and Optimization of Transaction of Liquefied Petroleum Gas"
- (2) We intend for a gas cooker for families of the following gas consumptions
 - ① A gas consumption per one cooker burner is equal to or less than 5.8KW
 - ② The grand total of the gas consumption of all cooker burners is equal to or less than 14KW
(A gas top burner with oven is equal to or less than 21kW)
- (3) By Ministerial Ordinance of Technical Requirements, we oblige all rings burner to the deployment of "Burner safety shut off device" and "Top burner temperature control".
But, gas cooker for business use, it is the deployment duty exemption of "Burner safety shut off device" and "Top burner temperature control". And the desk one ring burner gas cooker is a deployment duty exemption of "Top burner temperature control"

*A note;

- "Burner safety shut off device" is safety device which stops gas when flame faded away by wind.
- "Top burner temperature control" is safety device which stops gas when temperature of the cooking oil rises too 300°C.

3. The date of enforcement

This amendment of the government ordinance and the ministerial ordinance will be entered into force on October 1st, 2008.