

## Consumer Affairs Agency, Amendment to Whistleblower Protection Act

Tentative translation

(Amendment adding)

The corporate wrongdoing that become a social problem have never ceased to occur.  $\rightarrow$  Need to prevent damage through early rectification.

- 1) Facilitate Companies/Organizations to Correct their own Violations/Misconducts and Facilitate Whistleblowers to Report their Employers
- Obligate companies/organizations to establish a system for responding to whistleblowing (e.g. establishing a point of contact, an investigation/rectification rule etc.) The detailed content obligations is to be decided by the guidelines Article 11
- Xobligate small and medium-sized businesses operators (300 employees or less) to make their best efforts
- O Introduce administrative measures (advice/guidance, recommendation and disclosure of company's name) in order to ensure effectiveness of above mentioned obligations [Article 15,16]
- Obligate person in charge of handling whistleblowings to protect the confidentially of the information identifying the whistleblower (and introduce criminal penalty for breach of this obligation) [Article

- Facilitate Whistleblowers to Report to an Administrative Organs etc.
- OConditions for being protected when reporting to an administrative organ [Article 3(ii)]

(Current)

Where document with their Where whistleblower has reasonable grounds to believe names etc. is submitted

OConditions for being protected when reporting to the other [Article 3(iii)]

(Amendment adding) (Current) Damage to the property Where damage to the (irredeemable/serious) human life or body a High possibility of leakage of

whistleblower Obligate administrative organs (with the authority to impose dispositions or recommendations) to establish a system for responding to whistleblowing [Article 13(2)]

Reinforcement of Response to Internal/External Report

Scoped whistleblowing [Article 2(3)]

(3) Ensure Whistleblowers to be Protected

OScope of whistleblower [Article 2(1) etc.]

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worker

(Amendment adding) (Current) Those who quitted (within 1 year after Current resignation) and executives (obligated

to investigate/rectify before external

whistleblowing)

(Current) Conducts to be criminally

punished

(Amendment adding) Conducts to be administratively

sanctioned

(None)

OScope of protection [Article 7] (Current) (Amendment adding)

information identifying the

(None)

Exempt from liability for damages incurred by whistleblowing

\*Enforcement planned within 24 months after promulgation