

or proliferation of dust within a prescribed scope while endeavoring to restrict working hours.

*[Comment]*

The Order specifies what steps and obligations should be taken in an attempt to further clarify in concrete terms the obligations in Article 5 of the "Pneumoconiosis Act 1960 (Ch. 30, 1960) and the obligation to shorten working hours in Article 20.3 of the same Act. Now that the obligations of enterprises have been clarified, the Regulation is expected to play an important role in improving the health, safety and security of workers.

The Order, however, is not without major defects in that its application is limited to a "specially designated" type of dust, there is no control over dust concentration, and there is no firm instruction as to the shortening of working hours. Since prevention is the only solution for such an irreversible disease as dust lung, it is strongly hoped that well-defined and detailed regulations will soon be introduced by the Diet.

By Prof. KAZUHISA NAKAYAMA  
KUNIYUKI MATSUO

## 7. International Law

### —Treaties and Agreements—

*Multilateral;*

Protocol Amending the International Convention for the High Seas Fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean, signed on Apr. 25, 1978, entered into force with Japan on Feb. 15, 1979.

Constitution on the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, signed on Mar. 22, 1977, entered into force with Japan on Feb. 25, 1979.

International Energy Agency Implementing Agreement for a

Programme of Research and Development on Advanced Heat Pump Systems, signed on Apr. 17, 1979, entered into force with Japan on Apr. 17, 1979.

International Energy Agency Implementing Agreement for a Programme of Research and Development on Man-Made Geothermal Energy Systems, signed on Apr. 17, 1979, entered into force with Japan on Apr. 17, 1979.

International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC), acceded to on June 12, 1978, entered into force with Japan on June 12, 1979.

Convention Concerning the Prevention of Occupational Accidents to Seafarers, ratified on July 3, 1978, entered into force with Japan on July 3, 1979.

Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT), signed on Mar. 22, 1977, entered into force with Japan on July 1, 1979.

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, ratified on June 21, 1979, entered into force with Japan on Sept. 21, 1979, (with reservations on the Article 7 (d), 8-1 (d), 13-2 (b), (c), and an interpretative reservation on the Article 8-2, that is, "members of the Police" include the fire service of Japan).

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, ratified on June 21, 1979, entered into force with Japan on Sept. 21, 1979, (with an interpretative reservation on the Article 22-2, that is, "members of the Police" include the fire service of Japan).

### ***Bilateral;***

Acuerdo entre el Gobierno del Japon y el Gobierno de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos sobre Cooperación en Materia de Turismo, signed on Nov. 1, 1978, entered into force on Feb. 27, 1979.

Agreement between Japan and the Republic of Iraq for Air Service, signed on Mar. 20, 1978, entered into force on Mar. 7, 1979.

Agreement between Japan and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Regulation of North Pacific Whaling, signed on Apr. 25, 1979, entered into force on Apr. 25, 1979.

Protocol on the Procedure and the Condition of the North Atlantic Fisheries of Salmon and Trout in 1979, signed on Apr. 21, 1979, entered into force on Apr. 27, 1979.

Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the United States of America on Cooperation in Research and Development in Energy and Related Fields, signed on May 2, 1979, entered into force on May 2, 1979.

Acuerdo sobre Cooperacion Tecnica entre el Gobierno del Japon y el Gobierno de la Republica del Paraguay, signed on Feb. 8, 1979, entered into force on July 24, 1979.

Agreement between Japan and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concerning an International Observer Scheme for Factory Ships engaged in Pelagic Whaling in the Southern Hemisphere, signed on Oct. 22, 1979, entered into force on Oct. 22, 1979.

Agreement of Fisheries between the Government of Japan and the Government of Australia, signed on Oct. 17, 1979, entered into force on Nov. 1, 1979.

Subsidiary Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of Australia concerning Japanese Tuna Long-Line Fishing, signed on Oct. 17, 1979, entered into force on Nov. 1, 1979.

Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the People's Republic of China for the Promotion of Cultural Exchange, signed on Dec. 6, 1979, entered into force on Dec. 6, 1979.

Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the United States of America on Educational Exchange Programs, signed on Feb. 15, 1979, entered into force on Dec. 24, 1979.

Protocol on a One-Year Extension of the Japan-Soviet 1977 Agreement concerning the Fishery on the 200-mile Fishery Zone of North Pacific Ocean of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, signed on Dec. 15, 1979, entered into force on Dec. 25, 1979.

Protocol on a One-Year Extension of the Japan-Soviet 1977 Agreement concerning the Fishery on the 200-mile Fishery Zone of

Japan, signed on Dec. 15, 1979, entered into force on Dec. 25, 1979.

By Prof. TOKUSHIRO OHATA  
SATORU TAIRA