

Record of Responses to Public Comments on Policy Matters Submitted through the Japan Iron and Steel Federation

Date	Policies	Provided Comments
December-25	Approach to Energy Conservation Measures for Housing and Buildings (Fourth Draft Report)	With regard to the "Achieved Amount of Reduction for GX steel," we requested that it be included as an object of quantitative evaluation from the initial phase of the LCA scheme of Buildings scheduled to commence in fiscal year 2028, given that the JISF has already published quantitative calculation rules for this indicator.
		In relation to the above comment, we requested that any description based on the factual misunderstanding that the rules for GX steel are "under consideration" be revised to reflect the current situation. Specifically, we asked that the text be amended to state that domestic rules have already been published, that the evaluation methodology has been authorized domestically, and that the present status is one of awaiting the revision of international rules.
December-25	Basic Policy on Promotion of Procurement of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services (Draft Revision)	We requested that the six GX steel product categories already proposed be designated as specified procurement items equivalent to "Reference Value 2" for public works, that the use of GX steel be initiated immediately in various pilot public works projects, and that a phased plan for expanding procurement across various public works projects with a clearly defined timeline be presented. Furthermore, we requested that a policy be clearly and promptly articulated to make the use of the six proposed product categories the default in public works projects undertaken by the national government and local governments from 2030 onward.
		We requested that all mechanisms under the Act on Promoting Green Procurement be fully utilized and that a clear pathway toward the creation of a GX product market be explicitly presented.
April-25	Mid-Term National Resilience Implementation Plan (Draft)	With regard to the descriptions concerning "the utilization of green infrastructure" and "the efficiency enhancement and sophistication of maintenance," we requested the inclusion of language promoting the proactive adoption of products that contribute to the advancement of GX in Japan.
		With respect to the statement that the impacts of rising material prices and labor costs would be appropriately reflected in the budget formulation process, we requested the addition of a reference to environmental inflation, meaning cost increases in materials and other inputs associated with the promotion of GX.
January-25	Global Warming Countermeasures Plan (Draft) (Chapter 3: Policies and measures to achieve targets Section 2: Global warming policies and measures (2) Other related cross-cutting policies (g) Creation of a GX market) https://www.env.go.jp/content/000338677.pdf	From the perspective that enhancing the future supply capacity of GX products (i.e., linking such efforts to continued investment for growth) requires clearly indicating policy directions for measures to steadily expand market size and thereby improve the predictability of investment recovery, we requested that the specific policy direction of regulatory and institutional measures for procurement be explicitly stated.
		With regard to the broad range of initiatives related to GX market creation, we requested that the government present a more concrete roadmap, including a clear timeline. By doing so, such a roadmap would provide clear signals to both the supply side and the demand side and would lead to the promotion of initiatives. Accordingly, similar to the indication of the timing for the introduction of emissions trading schemes and other measures, we requested that the timing for the introduction of various measures related to GX market creation be explicitly specified as part of a more concrete roadmap.
January-25	GX2040 Vision (Draft)	From the perspective that enhancing the future supply capacity of GX products (i.e., linking such efforts to continued investment for growth) requires clearly indicating policy directions for measures to steadily expand market size and thereby improve the predictability of investment recovery, we requested that the specific policy direction of regulatory and institutional measures for procurement be explicitly stated.
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