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SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS RAISED

IN THE TBT COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretariat¹

Revision

The Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (the "TBT Committee") was established with the purpose of "affording Members the opportunity of consulting on any matters relating to the operation of this Agreement or the furtherance of its objectives, and shall carry out such responsibilities as assigned to it under this Agreement or by the Members".² Since its first meeting, Members have used the TBT Committee as a forum to discuss issues related to specific measures (technical regulations, standards or conformity assessment procedures) maintained by other Members. These are referred to as "specific trade concerns" and relate variously either to proposed measures notified to the TBT Committee in accordance with the notification requirements in the Agreement, or to measures currently in force. Committee meetings, or informal discussions between Members held in the margins of such meetings, afford Members opportunity to review trade concerns in a bilateral or multilateral setting and to seek further clarification. Members regularly discuss follow-up in the Committee.

This note provides an overview of specific trade concerns raised in the TBT Committee over the period 1995 - 2009. Section A provides analytical information on the 232 concerns raised to date; Section B lists these specific trade concerns sorted by date, frequency and the number of Members that have expressed concern; and Section C provides more details on specific trade concerns discussed in the Committee since the March 2007 meeting.

A.

INFORMATION ON THE TYPE OF SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS RAISED

1. Types and Number of Specific Trade Concerns Raised

1. The most frequently invoked concerns are those relating to the need for more information or clarification about the measure at issue. Concerns relating to the avoidance of unnecessary barriers to trade and transparency are also often referred to.

Figure 1: Types of concerns raised³

2. About 70 per cent of the specific trade concerns discussed have been notified to the TBT Committee, most of them as technical regulations.⁴ The remaining concerns raised are about measures not notified to the TBT Committee. One measure raised was notified under Article 3.2 TBT Agreement (a technical regulation of a local government).

Figure 2: Specific trade concerns relating to measures that have been notified

3. Figure 3 illustrates the number of specific trade concerns discussed each year. In 2008, a record number of 59 trade concerns were discussed in the TBT Committee. A total of 46 concerns have already been raised for discussion in the current year (2009).

Figure 3: Number of specific trade concerns raised per year

4. Figure 4 shows how frequently one particular concern is reiterated. Most (about 70 per cent) specific trade concerns have been raised once or twice. Some, however (10 per cent), have been raised more than five times and, in this group, a few have been on the agenda for several years (see Table 1, below under "frequency").

Figure 4: The number of meetings at which the same concern is raised

2.

Stated Objectives

5. The most commonly stated objectives of the measures discussed relate to health and safety, and the protection of the environment. The category "other" covers a wide range of stated objectives including: consumer protection, consumer information, nutritional concerns, fair trade and trade facilitation. In addition, for a significant number of trade concerns where no notification of the measure has been made to the TBT Committee, the objective has been classified as "unknown".

Figure 5: Stated objectives for the measures⁵

3. Distribution of Measures by Member

6. To date, a total of 232 distinct specific trade concerns have been raised in the TBT Committee. By and large, the regional distribution of Members maintaining measures subject to discussion in the Committee is spread evenly across the WTO membership, with the exceptions of Africa and Caribbean countries. No measures maintained by LDCs have been raised in the TBT Committee.

Figure 6: Regional distribution of measures raised for discussion⁶

7. Measures maintained by European Communities, China and the United States have been most frequently raised for discussion in the Committee (Figure 7).

Figure 7: Members whose measures have been most frequently discussed

B.

LIST OF SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS RAISED (SINCE 1995)

8. Table 1 lists all 232 specific trade concerns raised in the TBT Committee to date. These are sorted as follows:

(a) date: date of meeting when the specific trade concern was last raised (in reverse chronological order);

(b) frequency: number of meetings at which the specific trade concern has been raised; and

(c) Members: number of Members that have expressed concern about the measure since it was first raised.

Table 1: Specific trade concerns raised in the TBT Committee since 1995

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Specific Trade Concern

(a)

date

(b)

frequency

(c)

Members

1

European Communities - Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals (REACH)

18-Mar-09

19

31

2

European Communities - Regulation on Certain Wine Sector Products

18-Mar-09

19

13

3

European Communities - Directive 2002/95/EC on the Restriction of the Use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS) and Directive 2002/96/EC on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

18-Mar-09

19

11

4

Sweden - Restrictions on the use of Deca-bromo diphenylether (deca-BDE)

18-Mar-09

10

5

5

India - Pneumatic tyres and tubes for automotive vehicles

18-Mar-09

9

4

6

United States - Country of Origin Labelling

18-Mar-09

8

6

7

India - Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 2007

18-Mar-09

6

2

8

Israel - Infant Formula

18-Mar-09

6

1

9

European Communities - Dangerous Chemical Substances: Draft Commission Directive amending, for the 30th time, Council Directive 67/548/EEC

18-Mar-09

5

18

10

Canada - Compositional requirements for cheese

18-Mar-09

5

5

11

Norway - Proposed regulation concerning specific hazardous substances in consumer products

18-Mar-09

5

5

12

China - Compulsory Certification (CCC) System

18-Mar-09

5

4

13

Argentina - Measures affecting market access for pharmaceutical products

18-Mar-09

5

3

14

China - Draft Standards on Lithium Batteries for Mobile Phones

18-Mar-09

5

3

15

China - Proposed Regulations on Information Security

18-Mar-09

4

5

16

Brazil - Toys

18-Mar-09

4

5

17

Peru - Labelling of footwear

18-Mar-09

4

2

18

China - Wines

18-Mar-09

4

1

19

Brazil - Regulation on Identification and Quality Standards of Ethyl Alcohol and other Spirits

18-Mar-09

3

3

20

European Communities - Production and Labelling of Organic Products

18-Mar-09

3

3

21

China - Excessive Packaging

18-Mar-09

3

2

22

China - Energy Efficiency and Energy Efficiency Grades for Copy Machines

18-Mar-09

3

1

23

European Communities - Dangerous Chemical Substances: Draft Commission Directive amending, for the 31st time, Council Directive 67/548/EEC

18-Mar-09

2

23

24

European Communities - Novel foods

18-Mar-09

2

9

25

United States - Requirements to combat illegal logging

18-Mar-09

2

6

26

United States - Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

18-Mar-09

2

1

27

Ecuador - Test report and certificate of conformity for industrial products including tyres, steel products and automobile components

18-Mar-09

1

6

28

Korea - Beef

18-Mar-09

1

5

29

Indonesia - Mandatory Certification for Steel Products

18-Mar-09

1

4

30

European Communities - Seal products

18-Mar-09

1

4

31

India - Mandatory Certification for Steel Products

18-Mar-09

1

3

32

China - Quality Assessment System for Imported Cotton

18-Mar-09

1

3

33

Thailand - Mandatory Certification for Steel Products

18-Mar-09

1

2

34

Colombia - Quality and Identity Requirements for Distilled Spirits

18-Mar-09

1

2

35

European Communities - Marketing Standards for Olive Oil

18-Mar-09

1

2

36

India - Prevention of Food Adulteration

18-Mar-09

1

2

37

Malaysia - Conformity Assessment Procedures for Steel Products

18-Mar-09

1

1

38

France - Unique Requirements for Ride-on Lawn Mowers

18-Mar-09

1

1

39

Turkey - Inspection of Imported Medical Equipment

18-Mar-09

1

1

40

India - Restriction on Chinese toys

18-Mar-09

1

1

41

European Communities - Implementing measures of the Directive on eco-design of energy-using products

18-Mar-09

1

1

42

Bahrain - Motor Vehicles: General Requirements

18-Mar-09

1

1

43

Chile - Cosmetics

18-Mar-09

1

1

44

China - Textiles and Apparel

18-Mar-09

1

1

45

Colombia - Draft Decree Establishing Provisions to Promote the Use of Biofuels

18-Mar-09

1

1

46

European Communities - Green Paper on Agricultural Product Quality Policy

18-Mar-09

1

1

47

Thailand - Labelling Requirement for Snack Foods

05-Nov-08

6

4

48

Saudi Arabia - International Conformity Certification Programme (ICCP)

05-Nov-08

6

4

49

Brazil - Registration requirements for medical devices

05-Nov-08

5

4

50

Germany - Ban on Seal Products

05-Nov-08

3

2

51

Brazil - Wines

05-Nov-08

2

2

52

European Communities - Napropamide

05-Nov-08

1

1

53

United States - Detection of contaminants in fuel containers

05-Nov-08

1

1

54

Chinese Taipei - Green Mark Products

05-Nov-08

1

1

55

Korea - Import Review Process for Functional Cosmetics

05-Nov-08

1

1

56

European Communities - Capacity labelling of batteries and accumulators

05-Nov-08

1

1

57

European Communities - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Cosmetic Products

05-Nov-08

1

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58

China - Brake linings for automobiles

05-Nov-08

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59

United States - Olive Oil

05-Nov-08

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60

Korea - Fish Heads

01-Jul-08

15

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61

Norway - Restrictions on the use of Deca-bromo diphenylether (deca-BDE)

01-Jul-08

8

4

62

China - Revision of the list of toxic chemicals severely restricted in the People's Republic of China in the regulation for environmental management on the first import of chemicals and the import and export of toxic chemicals

01-Jul-08

6

3

63

China - Domestic gas cooking appliances

01-Jul-08

5

1

64

United States - Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorist Regulation

01-Jul-08

2

2

65

European Communities - Toys

01-Jul-08

2

2

66

Germany - Changes in the Prohibition of Chemicals Ordinance

01-Jul-08

1

2

67

Korea - Country of Origin Labelling Requirements for Certain Imported Fruit

01-Jul-08

1

2

68

Colombia - Regulation on Wine labelling

01-Jul-08

1

1

69

Indonesia - Zinc Coated Steel Sheet

01-Jul-08

1

1

70

Indonesia - Requirements for Rubber Hoses for LPG Gas Stoves

01-Jul-08

1

1

71

China - Administration on the Control of Pollution Caused by Electronic Information Products

20-Mar-08

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72

Moldova - Quality and control measures for bottled, non-alcoholic beverages including mineral,

natural water and soft drinks

20-Mar-08

2

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73

United States - Proposed Rule on Labelling and Advertising of Wines, Distilled Spirits and Malt Beverages

20-Mar-08

2

1

74

United States - Flammability of Clothing Textiles

20-Mar-08

2

1

75

Japan - Labelling Guidelines on Wagyu Beef

20-Mar-08

1

2

76

European Communities - Lighters

20-Mar-08

1

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77

Canada - Mandatory Container Size

20-Mar-08

1

1

78

South Africa - Labelling and Advertising of Foodstuff

20-Mar-08

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79

Moldova - Draft Law on Alcoholic Beverages

20-Mar-08

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80

New Zealand - Ban on the Importation of Trout

09-Nov-07

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2

81

European Communities - Fire Performance of Construction Products

09-Nov-07

6

8

82

Belgium and The Netherlands - Seal products

09-Nov-07

6

2

83

Brazil - Mandatory certification of batteries

09-Nov-07

3

1

84

Turkey - Product-tracking system for tobacco products and alcoholic beverages

09-Nov-07

2

1

85

United States - Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions

09-Nov-07

2

1

86

Chinese Taipei - Amended Hygiene Standards for Alcohol Products

09-Nov-07

1

1

87

Switzerland - Measures to Reduce Particle Emissions from Diesel Engine

05-Jul-07

7

2

88

European Communities - Ecodesign requirements for energy-using products ("EuP Directive")

05-Jul-07

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4

89

Uruguay - Enrichment of Wheat Flour and Foods Prepared with Wheat Flour

05-Jul-07

3

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90

Philippines - Ceramic wall and floor tiles

05-Jul-07

3

1

91

Chinese Taipei - Anti-theft Regulations for Vehicles

05-Jul-07

1

1

92

Chinese Taipei - Plastic trays and packaging

05-Jul-07

1

1

93

Qatar - Motor Vehicles Tyres

05-Jul-07

1

1

94

Hong Kong - Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme

05-Jul-07

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95

India - Mandatory Certification of Ceramic Tiles

05-Jul-07

1

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96

China - Measures on the Environmental Management of New Chemical Substances

21-Mar-07

2

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97

India - Electrical products

21-Mar-07

1

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98

United States - Children's jewellery

21-Mar-07

1

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99

Korea - Safety criteria for various products

21-Mar-07

1

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100

China - Requirements for Concentration Limits for Certain Hazardous Substances in Electronic Information Products

21-Mar-07

1

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101

China - Unified charges for telecom terminals

21-Mar-07

1

1

102

India - Protective Headgear

21-Mar-07

1

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103

China - Wireless Local Area Network Products with WAPI functions

09-Nov-06

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104

Korea - Proposed Act for Resource Recycling of Electrical/Electronic Products and Automobiles

09-Nov-06

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3

105

India - Regulation on Medical Devices

09-Nov-06

3

2

106

European Communities - Common authorisation procedure for food additives, food enzymes and food flavouring

09-Nov-06

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107

Japan - Revision to Enforcement Regulation for the Law Concerning the Rational Use of Energy and Ministerial Notification of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

09-Nov-06

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108

United States - Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedure for Residential Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps; Proposed Rule

09-Nov-06

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109

European Communities - Ban on the Use of Nickel-Cadmium in Batteries

07-Jun-06

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110

European Communities - Disposable lighters

07-Jun-06

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111

United States - Energy Conservation Standards for Certain Consumer Products and Commercial and Industrial Equipment

07-Jun-06

2

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112

China - Labelling Audit System for Imported Food and Cosmetic Products

07-Jun-06

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1

113

Japan - Amendment to Enforcement Order of Industrial Safety and Health Law

07-Jun-06

1

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114

Greece - Ban on wheat

07-Jun-06

1

1

115

China - Leather and leather products

07-Jun-06

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1

116

China - Testing and certification requirements for medical devices

07-Jun-06

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117

United States - DTV Tuner Requirements

17-Mar-06

2

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118

Japan - Amendment to the Enforcement Order of the Law for the Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources

17-Mar-06

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119

European Communities - Fireworks and other Pyrotechnic Articles

17-Mar-06

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120

South Africa - Labelling requirements for textiles, clothing and leather goods

22-Dec-05

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121

Colombia - Labelling of Footwear

22-Dec-05

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122

Peru - Infant food

22-Dec-05

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1

123

China - Health Food Regulation

22-Dec-05

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124

Brazil - Decree on Beverages and Spirits

16-Jun-05

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125

European Communities - Restrictions on the Use of Certain Phthalates in Toys

16-Jun-05

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126

Malaysia - Hologram Stickers on Pharmaceutical Products

16-Jun-05

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127

Indonesia - Mandatory Standard for Tyre

16-Jun-05

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128

Korea - Residual Limits and Test methods for Pesticide Residues/Heavy Metals in Herbal Medicines

16-Jun-05

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129

United States - Measure on Refillable Lighters

22-Mar-05

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130

Mexico - Standard for Glazed Pottery Ware, Glazed Ceramic Ware and Porcelain Ware

22-Mar-05

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131

Mexico - Pre-packaged products

22-Mar-05

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132

China - General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Alcoholic Beverages

22-Mar-05

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133

European Communities - Traceability and Labelling of Biotech Food and Feed Products

04-Nov-04

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134

Netherlands - "Vos" Bill on Wood Products

04-Nov-04

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135

Argentina - Legal Appellation System for Wine Products

04-Nov-04

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136

Argentina - MERCOSUR Regulation on Definitions Relating to Alcoholic Beverages other than Fermented

04-Nov-04

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137

United Arab Emirates - Conformity Assessment System and Halal Certification

04-Nov-04

2

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138

European Communities - Hip, Knee and Shoulder Joint Replacements

04-Nov-04

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139

Jordan - International Product Conformity Certification Program DAMAN

04-Nov-04

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140

India - Labelling of Pre-packaged Consumer Products and Mandatory Quality Standards for 133 products

01-Jul-04

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141

Korea - Average Fuel Economy Standards for Passenger Cars

01-Jul-04

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142

India - Homologation of Vehicles

01-Jul-04

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143

European Communities - Directive on the Type-Approval of Motor Vehicles with Regard to their Re-Usability, Recyclability and Recoverability

01-Jul-04

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144

Ecuador - Technical Standard on Carbon Hot Roll Steel Rods for Reinforced Concrete

23-Mar-04

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145

Argentina - Resolution on Sulphate Content in Wine and Wineries

23-Mar-04

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146

Argentina - Labelling of Pre-Packaged Food

23-Mar-04

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147

Argentina - Amendment of the Argentine Food Code on Olive Oil

23-Mar-04

2

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148

Korea - Labelling of Spirits, Liquors, Wine and Beer

07-Nov-03

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149

India - Regulation on Second Hand Vehicles and New Vehicles

07-Nov-03

2

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150

United States - Bioterrorism Act

02-Jul-03

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151

European Communities - Amendment to Regulation on Sardines

02-Jul-03

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152

Japan - Regulation on Formaldehyde in Construction Products

02-Jul-03

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153

Kuwait - International Conformity Certification Programme (ICCP)

02-Jul-03

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154

China - Conditions for Boiler and Pressure Vessel Manufacturer Licensing

02-Jul-03

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155

Japan - Regulation on drugs, quasi-drugs, cosmetics, medical devices and blood products

02-Jul-03

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156

United States - Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards

20-Mar-03

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157

China - Certification and Labelling of Food Products and Cosmetic Products

20-Mar-03

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158

Brazil - Criteria and Procedures for the Import of Wines and Beverages Derived from Grapes and Wines

20-Mar-03

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159

China - National Standard on the Limit Quantity of Arsenic, Cadmium, Lead, Chromium and Mercury Content for Fertilizer

20-Mar-03

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160

Venezuela - Register of Domestic Manufactures and Importers of Textile Clothing

20-Mar-03

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161

China - Regulations for the Management and Supervision of Manufacturing of Boilers and Pressure Vessels

20-Mar-03

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162

Korea - Regulation on Wireless Internet Platform for Interoperability

20-Mar-03

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163

European Communities - Regulation Concerning Import Requirements and Certification of Organic Products

17-Oct-02

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European Communities - Amendments to the Cosmetic Directive

17-Oct-02

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India - Regulation of Import of Edible Food Products

17-Oct-02

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South Africa - Regulation on Iced Desserts and Ice Creams

17-Oct-02

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167

United States - Standard on Fire Detection and Alarm System Control Equipment

17-Oct-02

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168

China - Regulation on Security Systems

17-Oct-02

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169

Thailand - Mandatory Standards on Cold Reduced Carbon Steel Coil

21-Jun-02

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170

Thailand - Mandatory Standards on Carbon Dioxide for Medical Use

21-Jun-02

3

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171

Korea - Emission Standards for Automobiles

21-Jun-02

2

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172

Korea - Safety Criteria for Miniature Fuses on Automatic Electric Control

21-Jun-02

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173

Japan - Partial Amendment to the Safety Regulations for Road Vehicles Establishing Standards of Vehicle Emission

21-Jun-02

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174

United States - Fire Resistance of Mattresses and Bedding

21-Jun-02

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175

European Communities - Protocols to the Europe Agreements on Conformity Assessment (PECAs)

15-Mar-02

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176

Belgium - Draft Law aiming at Promoting Socially Responsible Production

15-Mar-02

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177

Japan - Promotion of Effective Use of Resources

15-Mar-02

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178

Colombia - Recognition and Acceptance of Certificates for Products Sold in the Andean Community

15-Mar-02

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179

China - Regulations on Agriculture GMOs Safety

15-Mar-02

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Croatia - Measures on Road Transit of Certain Goods

15-Mar-02

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181

United States - Designation of New Generic Fibre Name "Synterra"

09-Oct-01

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182

European Communities - Directive on Measuring Instruments

09-Oct-01

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183

Chile - Labelling System for Transgenic Foods

09-Oct-01

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184

Brazil - Labelling Disciplines for Food Products Containing GMOs

09-Oct-01

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185

Hong Kong, China - Regulation on Air Pollution Control (Taxis)

29-Jun-01

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186

Indonesia - Regulation on Food Labelling and Advertisement

29-Jun-01

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187

Japan - Standards for Labelling on Quality of Processed Foods, Fresh Foods, Husked Rice and Milled Rice and Marine Products

30-Mar-01

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188

India - Revisions of 1955 Prevention of Food Adulteration Act

30-Mar-01

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189

Japan - Legislation on Fishing Vessels

10-Nov-00

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190

United States - Dolphin-Safe Tuna Labelling Requirement

10-Nov-00

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191

European Communities - System for the Identification and Registration of Bovine Animals and the Labelling of Beef and Beef Products

10-Nov-00

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192

European Communities - Reference Standard under the Electromagnetic Capability Directive

10-Nov-00

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193

Indonesia - Regulation on Consumer Protection

10-Nov-00

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194

European Communities - Marketing Standards for Eggs

10-Nov-00

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France - Decree on the Collection, Exploitation and Elimination of Used Tyres

06-Oct-00

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Korea - Electric Appliances Safety Control Act

21-Jul-00

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United States - Legislation on Indelible Marking of Imitation Jewellery

19-May-00

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198

Egypt - National Standards on the Certification of the Hide of Leather Footwear

19-May-00

2

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199

Japan - Labelling of GMO-products

01-Oct-99

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200

New Zealand - Labelling of Foods Derived from Gene Technology

01-Oct-99

2

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201

European Communities - Compulsory Indication of the Labelling of Certain Foodstuffs Produced from GMOs

11-Jun-99

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202

European Communities - Regulation on Aircrafts

11-Jun-99

3

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203

Egypt - Decree on the Labelling of Meat

31-Mar-99

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204

Egypt - Technical Regulation on Labelling of Textile Products

31-Mar-99

3

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205

European Communities - Regulation on Tyres for Motor Vehicles

31-Mar-99

2

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206

Brazil - Certification of Pacifiers and Nursing Bottles

20-Nov-98

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207

Mexico - Standard on the Use of Chlorofluorocarbon

20-Nov-98

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208

Brazil - Technical Regulation on Labelling of Textile Products

15-Sep-98

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209

Belgium - Royal Decree limiting the Marketing, Manufacture and Use of some Hazardous Substance: Asbestos

01-Jul-98

2

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210

Korea - Memorandum of Understanding on Passenger Vehicles

01-Jul-98

2

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211

European Communities - Measures on the Use of Asbestos in Brick Lining

01-Jul-98

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2

212

Mexico - Standards on Labelling of Industrial Products

27-Mar-98

2

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213

Mexico - Labelling of Leather Products

27-Mar-98

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214

Mexico - Labelling of Spirits

18-Nov-97

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215

Thailand - Ministerial Rule on the Disclosure of Ingredients in Cigarettes and Cigars

03-Oct-97

2

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216

European Communities - Amendment to the Directive on the Deliberate Release of GMOs

03-Oct-97

2

2

217

European Communities - Novel Foods Regulations

03-Oct-97

2

2

218

France - Regulation on Asbestos

20-Jun-97

2

4

219

Canada - Canadian Ship Inspectorate Directorate

20-Jun-97

2

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220

Israel - Testing and Certification Requirements for Cadmium and Lead in Tableware

20-Jun-97

2

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221

Egypt - Regulations on Tyres

20-Jun-97

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222

Peru - Certification System of Second-Hand Cars

14-Feb-97

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223

European Communities - Regulation on the Registration of Geographical Indications and Designations of Origin

22-Oct-96

2

3

224

Canada - Amendment to the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations

22-Oct-96

2

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225

United States - Care Labelling of Textiles

22-Oct-96

2

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226

United States - Standards on Tea

22-Oct-96

2

1

227

European Communities - CEN Standard for Asphalt Shingles

28-Jun-96

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228

European Communities - Standards related to Gas Connection Valves

28-Jun-96

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229

Korea - Marks of Origin System and Related Labelling Requirements

21-Apr-95

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2

230

United States - Labelling on Motor Vehicle Content

21-Apr-95

1

2

231

Israel - Mandatory Standard on Interlocking Clay Roof Tiles

21-Apr-95

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232

Mexico - Labelling Regulation on Meat

21-Apr-95

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9. Table 2 lists the 20 specific trade concerns that were raised for the first time in 2009. These are sorted by the number of Members that expressed concern about the measure. The column furthest to the right indicates its position in Table 1, above.

Table 2: New specific trade concerns raised in the TBT Committee in 2009

Specific Trade Concern

Members concerned

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Table 1

Ecuador - Test report and certificate of conformity for industrial products including tyres, steel products and automobile components

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Korea - Beef

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28

Indonesia - Mandatory Certification for Steel Products

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European Communities - Seal products

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India - Mandatory Certification for Steel Products

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China - Quality Assessment System for Imported Cotton

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32

Thailand - Mandatory Certification for Steel Products

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33

Colombia - Quality and Identity Requirements for Distilled Spirits

2

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European Communities - Marketing Standards for Olive Oil

2

35

India - Prevention of Food Adulteration

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Malaysia - Conformity Assessment Procedures for Steel Products

1

37

France - Unique Requirements for Ride-on Lawn Mowers

1

38

Turkey - Inspection of Imported Medical Equipment

1

39

India - Restriction on Chinese toys

1

40

European Communities - Implementing measures of the Directive on eco-design of energy-using products

1

41

Bahrain - Motor Vehicles: General Requirements

1

42

Chile - Cosmetics

1

43

China - Textiles and Apparel

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44

Colombia - Draft Decree Establishing Provisions to Promote the Use of Biofuels

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45

European Communities - Green Paper on Agricultural Product Quality Policy

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DETAILS OF SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS RAISED (MARCH 2007 - MARCH 2009)

10. This Section provides more detail for specific trade concerns raised over the last two years (between March 2007 and March 2009); they are listed in the same order as in Table 1, above. Members in bold (e.g. "ARG") indicates the Member that raised the concern at the last meeting.

1. European Communities - Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals (REACH)

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

ARG, AUS, BRA, BWA, CAN, CHE, CHL, CHN, COL, CRI, CUB, DOM, ECU, EGY, IDN, ISR, JPN, KOR, KWT, MEX, MYS, QAT, PAK, PHL, SGP, SLV, THA, TPKM, URY, USA, ZAF

Committee

First raised

20 March 2003

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

19 meetings

Measure

Product

Chemicals

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment

Description

Registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; international standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification; technical assistance; special and differential treatment; complexity; uncertainty; availability of technical guidance

documents; definitions; legal liability of the documents provided on the website; uniform interpretation across the EC member States; burden on SMEs

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2) and Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/EEC/52 and Add.1-5; Add.3/Rev.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 167-203

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/29-46

Other

G/TBT/W/208 (EEC); G/TBT/W/286 (ARG); G/TBT/W/289 (ARG); G/TBT/GEN/46 (SGP)

Internet

<http://ec.europa.eu/echa/>

2. European Communities - Regulation on Certain Wine Sector Products

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

ARG, AUS, BOL, BRA, CAN, CHL, MEX, NZL, PER, PRY, URY, USA, ZAF

Committee

First raised

1 October 1999

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

19 meetings

Measure

Product

Certain wine sector products

Objective

Quality; prevention of deceptive practices; harmonization; protection of legitimate interests of the producers; ensuring the smooth operation of the internal market

Description

Description; labelling; protection of "traditional terms"

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; further information, clarification; technical assistance; special and differential treatment; intellectual property; uncertainty; need for implementation guidance

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/EEC/15 and Corr.1-2; G/TBT/N/EEC/57; G/TBT/N/EEC/252 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 253-264

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/17-18, 25-36, 38-39, 45, 46

Other

G/TBT/W/119 (USA); G/TBT/W/290 (ARG)

3. European Communities - Directive 2002/95/EC on the Restriction of the Use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS) and Directive 2002/96/EC on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

USA, CAN, AUS, JPN, MEX, EGY, THA, MYS, KOR, VEN, CHN

Committee

First raised

31 March 1999

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

19 meetings

Measure

Product

Electrical and electronic equipment

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment; harmonization

Description

Producer responsibility for waste management; collection; take-back; re-use/recycling; information; substitution of substances

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; further information, clarification; RoHS implementation; lack of certainty; guidance

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/EEC/247 and G/TBT/Notif.00/310, Corr.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 98-104

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/15-25, 27-28, 36, 39, 44-46

Other

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4. Sweden - Restrictions on the use of Deca-bromo diphenylether (deca-BDE)

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

JPN, JOR, USA, ISR, TPKM

Committee

First raised

15 March 2006

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

10 meetings

Measure

Product

Deca-bromo diphenylether (decaBDE), chemicals

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment

Description

Prohibition, ban.

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; further information, clarification; precaution, lack of scientific evidence

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/SWE/59

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 98-104

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/38-46

Other

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5. India - Pneumatic tyres and tubes for automotive vehicles

Members

Maintaining

IND

Concerned

EEC, JPN, KOR, USA

Committee

First raised

15 March 2006

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

9 meetings

Measure

Product

Pneumatic tyres and tubes for automotive vehicles

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Certification, licence fees

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; international standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification; nature of measure (voluntary or mandatory); burdensome requirements

Notification

Type

Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/IND/20

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 230-233

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/38 and 40-46

Other

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Internet

www.bis.org

6. United States - Country of Origin Labelling

Members

Maintaining

USA

Concerned

ARG, BRA, CAN, CHN, MEX, NZL

Committee

First raised

20 March 2003

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

8 meetings

Measure

Product

Beef, lamb, pork, perishable agricultural commodities and peanuts

Objective

Protection of consumers and human health, provision of information to consumers

Description

Country of origin labelling

Issues

Transparency; international standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; rationale, legitimacy; high implementation costs

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/USA/25, G/TBT/N/USA/83 and Corr.1, G/TBT/N/USA/281 and Add.1-4

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 236-240

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/27-30, 42-43, 46

Other

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Internet

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/07-3029.pdf>

7. India - Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 2007

Members

Maintaining

IND

Concerned

USA, EEC

Committee

First raised

5 July 2007

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

6 meetings

Measure

Product

Cosmetic products

Objective

Other; consumer safety

Description

New registration system

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification; registration

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/IND/33

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 287-288

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/42-44, 46

Other

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8. Israel - Infant Formula

Members

Maintaining

ISR

Concerned

USA

Committee

First raised

5 July 2007

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

6 meetings

Measure

Product

Infant formula

Objective

Health and/or safety; quality

Description

Laboratory testing requirements, renewal of product licences, administrative fees, labelling rules

Issues

Transparency; unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; further information, clarification; nutrition

Notification

Type

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Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 265-267

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/42-46

Other

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9. European Communities - Dangerous Chemical Substances: Draft Commission Directive amending, for the 30th time, Council Directive 67/548/EEC

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

ARG, AUS, BRA, CAN, CHL, CHN, COL, CUB, DOM, IDN, JPN, MYS, PHL, TUR, USA, ZAF, ZWE, THA

Committee

First raised

5 July 2007

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

5 meetings

Measure

Product

Dangerous chemical substances (including borates, nickel carbonates)

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment; harmonization

Description

Classification and labelling requirements; testing methods

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; unnecessary barrier to trade; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification; special and differential treatment; precaution; lack of scientific evidence

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2), Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/EEC/151 and Add.1-2

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 115-166

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/42-44, 46

Other

G/TBT/W/288 (COL)

Internet

<http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/tbt/>

10. Canada - Compositional requirements for cheese

Members

Maintaining

CAN

Concerned

NZL, USA, AUS, EEC, CHE

Committee

First raised

5 July 2007

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

6 meetings

Measure

Product

Cheese

Objective

Prevention of deceptive practices; harmonization

Description

Amendment of existing cheese identity and compositional standards; specific compositional requirements; essential characteristics of cheese; process for the manufacturing of particular varieties of cheese

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; international standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification; procedure and cost of conformity assessment (verification), additional licensing

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/CAN/203

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 274-279

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/42-46

Other

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11. Norway - Proposed regulation concerning specific hazardous substances in consumer products

Members

Maintaining

NOR

Concerned

ISR, JPN, JOR, KOR, USA

Committee

First raised

9 November 2007

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

5 meetings

Measure

Product

18 specific hazardous substances in consumer products

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment

Description

Prohibition (with exceptions)

Issues

Time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; unnecessary barrier to trade; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification, articles 2.6 and 2.7

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/NOR/17

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 204-208

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/43-46

Other

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Internet

www.sft.no

12. China - Compulsory Certification (CCC) System

Members

Maintaining

CHN

Concerned

EEC, USA, JPN, CHE

Committee

First raised

26 January 2007

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

5 meetings

Measure

Product

Products relating to safeguarding national security, preventing deceptive practices, protecting human life or safety, animal or plant life or health, and the environment

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment; national security; prevention of deceptive practices

Description

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Issues

Transparency; international standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification; other, logical; other, certification, recognition of equivalence of testing

Notification

Type

Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/CHN/399 and Suppl.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 209-216

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/40, 43-46

Other

G/TBT/W/182 (EEC)

13. Argentina - Measures affecting market access for pharmaceutical products

Members

Maintaining

ARG

Concerned

COL, CHL, PRY

Committee

First raised

9 November 2007

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

5 meetings

Measure

Product

Pharmaceutical products

Objective

Unknown

Description

Application of conformity assessment procedures

Issues

Transparency; discrimination; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

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Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 303-304

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/43-46

Other

G/TBT/W/280 (COL); G/TBT/W/299 (COL)

14. China - Draft Standards on Lithium Batteries for Mobile Phones

Members

Maintaining

CHN

Concerned

EEC, JPN, USA

Committee

First raised

9 November 2007

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

5 meetings

Measure

Product

Batteries for mobile phones

Objective

Environment; consumer protection; industry development

Description

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Issues

Transparency; international standards; further information, clarification.

Notification

Type

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Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 224-226

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/44-46

Other

G/TBT/22

15. China - Proposed Regulations on Information Security

Members

Maintaining

CHN

Concerned

EEC, USA, JPN, KOR, CAN

Committee

First raised

20 March 2008

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

4 meetings

Measure

Product

13 categories of IT products

Objective

Information security

Description

Technical requirements; conformity assessment procedures; compulsory certification

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; international standards; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification; intellectual property

Notification

Type

Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/CHN/278-290

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 217-223

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/44-46

Other

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16. Brazil - Toys

Members

Maintaining

BRA

Concerned

EEC, MYS, THA, CHN, USA

Committee

First raised

20 March 2008

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

4 meetings

Measure

Product

Toys; toys parts and accessories

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Additional requirements for toxicological test methods

Issues

Transparency; international standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; further

information, clarification; mandatory sampling and testing

Notification

Type

Conformity Assessment Procedure - Urgent (Article 5.7.1)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/BRA/259 and G/TBT/N/BRA/313

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 105-114

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/44-46

Other

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17. Peru - Labelling of footwear

Members

Maintaining

PER

Concerned

EEC, USA

Committee

First raised

4 November 2004

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

4 meetings

Measure

Product

Footwear

Objective

Prevention of deceptive practices

Description

Information requirements for label, mark; country of origin

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; rationale, legitimacy; use of voluntary label instead

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/PER/4 and G/TBT/N/PER/1 and G/TBT/N/PER/19

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 280-284

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/34-35, 46

Other

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18. China - Wines

Members

Maintaining

CHN

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

20 March 2008

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

4 meetings

Measure

Product

Wine

Objective

Prevention of deceptive practices; consumer protection

Description

Terminologies, definitions, technical requirement and labelling

Issues

International standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/CHN/197

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 285-286

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/44-46

Other

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19. Brazil - Regulation on Identification and Quality Standards of Ethyl Alcohol and other Spirits

Members

Maintaining

BRA

Concerned

MEX, EEC, USA

Committee

First raised

1 July 2008

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

3 meetings

Measure

Product

Beverages and spirits (including rum, gin and tequila); under natured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80% vol

Objective

Health and/or safety; quality

Description

Specifications for identity and quality

Issues

International standards, unnecessary barrier to trade, further information, clarification; geographical indications; intellectual property

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/BRA/276-278 and Suppl.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 234-235

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/45-46

Other

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2008/tbt/bra/08_1960_00_et.pdf

20. European Communities - Production and Labelling of Organic Products

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

ARG, ECU, CUB

Committee

First raised

20 March 2008

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

3 meetings

Measure

Product

Agricultural and aquaculture products intended to be marketed as organic

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment; harmonization

Description

Production and labelling rules

Issues

International standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; rationale, legitimacy; special and differential treatment; deceptive practices; already certified producers and exporters

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/EEC/101 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 268-273

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/44-45

Other

G/TBT/W/284 (ARG); G/TBT/W/291 (ARG)

21. China - Excessive Packaging

Members

Maintaining

CHN

Concerned

EEC, USA

Committee

First raised

20 March 2008

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

3 meetings

Measure

Product

Food and cosmetics

Objective

Environment; saving resources

Description

General Rules for Restricting Excessive Packaging of Food and Cosmetics

Issues

Time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification; requirement which became mandatory despite previous assurance

Notification

Type

Technical regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/CHN/321 and G/TBT/N/CHN/447, Suppl.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 248-252

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/44, 46

Other

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22. China - Energy Efficiency and Energy Efficiency Grades for Copy Machines

Members

Maintaining

CHN

Concerned

JPN

Committee

First raised

1 July 2008

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

3 meetings

Measure

Product

Copy machines

Objective

Environment; energy efficiency

Description

Energy efficiency requirements; testing of copy machines

Issues

International standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Technical regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/CHN/331, Rev.1 and Suppl.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 227-229

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/45-46

Other

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2008/TBT/CHN/08_0429_00_et.pdf

23. European Communities - Dangerous Chemical Substances: Draft Commission Directive amending, for the 31st time, Council Directive 67/548/EEC

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

CAN, CUB, CHN, ECU, COL, DOM, VEN, JPN, MUS, BRA, IDN, PHL, AUS, KOR, BWA, ZWE, ZAF, TUR, IND, CHL, USA, THA, ARG

Committee

First raised

5 November 2008

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

2 meetings

Measure

Product

Dangerous chemical substances (including borates, nickel carbonates)

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment; harmonization

Description

Classification and labelling requirements; testing methods

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; unnecessary barrier to trade; rationale,

legitimacy; further information, clarification; special and differential treatment; precaution; lack of scientific evidence

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2), Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/EEC/212 and Add.1-3

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 115-166

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/45-46

Other

G/TBT/W/297 (COL); G/TBT/W/301 (CUB); G/TBT/W/302 (DOM)

Internet

<http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/tbt/>

24. European Communities - Novel foods

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

COL, ECU, PER, MEX, CRI, BOL, CUB, BRA, VEN

Committee

First raised

5 November 2008

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

2 meetings

Measure

Product

Foods and food ingredients

Objective

Health and/or safety; consumer information and protection

Description

Authorisation of novel foods

Issues

International standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/EEC/188

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 289-296

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/45-46

Other

G/TBT/W/298 (COL)

25. United States - Requirements to combat illegal logging

Members

Maintaining

USA

Concerned

EEC, ARG, CAN, CHE, JPN, MEX

Committee

First raised

5 November 2008

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

2 meetings

Measure

Product

Plants, plant products

Objective

Environment

Description

Importation of plants

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/USA/424, Corr.1 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 241-247

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/45-46

Other

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26. United States - Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

Members

Maintaining

USA

Concerned

CHN

Committee

First raised

5 November 2008

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

2 meetings

Measure

Product

Children's products

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Third Party Testing for Certain Children's Products

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; unnecessary barrier to trade

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/USA/421

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47, paras. 297-302

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/45-46

Other

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27. Ecuador - Test report and certificate of conformity for industrial products including tyres, steel products and automobile components

Members

Maintaining

ECU

Concerned

USA, COL, MEX, CHL, KOR, EEC

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

List of goods subject to control

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment

Description

Requirements for the products listed in the "list of goods subject to control"

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; unnecessary barrier to trade; further information, clarification;

Notification

Type

Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/ECU/41, G/TBT/N/ECU/42 and Add.1-4, G/TBT/N/ECU/43 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 43-50

Minutes, previous

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Other

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28. Korea - Beef

Members

Maintaining

KOR

Concerned

AUS, MEX, USA, CAN, NZL

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Meat

Objective

Prevention of deceptive practices

Description

Requirements for labelling of meat

Issues

Time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; international standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification;

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/KOR/202

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 85-94

Minutes, previous

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Other

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29. Indonesia - Mandatory Certification for Steel Products

Members

Maintaining

IDN

Concerned

JPN, KOR, EEC, TPKM

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Steel and steel products

Objective

Health and/or safety; quality; fair trade competition

Description

Conformity of steel and steel products to specified Indonesian Standards

Issues

Time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; further information, clarification;

Notification

Type

Urgent Technical Regulation (Article 2.10.1); Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/IDN/23, Rev.1 and Suppl.1, and G/TBT/N/IDN/24, Rev.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 10-14

Minutes, previous

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Other

G/TBT/N/IDN/17

30. European Communities - Seal products

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

NOR, CAN, ISL, BRA

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Seal products

Objective

Harmonization

Description

Conditions for the placement on the market, import, transit and export of seal products

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; further information, clarification;

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/EEC/249

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 21-27

Minutes, previous

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Other

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31. India - Mandatory Certification for Steel Products

Members

Maintaining

IND

Concerned

JPN, KOR, EEC

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Steel and steel products

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Conformity of steel and steel products to specified Indian Standards

Issues

Transparency; unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination;

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/IND/32 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 5-9

Minutes, previous

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Other

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32. China - Quality Assessment System for Imported Cotton

Members

Maintaining

CHN

Concerned

USA, AUS, EEC

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Uncombed cotton

Objective

Quality; prevention of deceptive practices

Description

Measures on registration of overseas supplying enterprises exporting cotton to China

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; international standards; discrimination; further information, clarification; disclosure of confidential business information

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/CHN/336 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 28-37

Minutes, previous

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Other

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33. Thailand - Mandatory Certification for Steel Products

Members

Maintaining

THA

Concerned

JPN, KOR

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Steel and steel products

Objective

Unknown

Description

Requirements for steel products

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade

Notification

Type

-

Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 15-18

Minutes, previous

-

Other

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34. Colombia - Quality and Identity Requirements for Distilled Spirits

Members

Maintaining

COL

Concerned

USA, EEC

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Alcoholic beverages

Objective

Health and/or safety; prevention of deceptive practices

Description

Requirements for alcoholic beverages

Issues

International standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2); Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/COL/120 and Add.1, G/TBT/N/COL/121 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 38-42

Minutes, previous

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Other

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35. European Communities - Marketing Standards for Olive Oil

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

USA, NZL

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Olive oil, olive pomace oil

Objective

Prevention of deceptive practices; consumer information

Description

Labelling of olive oil and olive pomace oil at retail stage

Issues

International standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/EEC/226 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 51-55

Minutes, previous

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Other

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36. India - Prevention of Food Adulteration

Members

Maintaining

IND

Concerned

EEC, USA

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Pre-packaged food

Objective

Health and/or safety; consumer information

Description

Labelling guidelines for pre-packaged food

Issues

Time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/IND/34

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 81-84

Minutes, previous

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Other

G/SPS/N/IND/59; G/TBT/N/IND/38; G/TBT/N/IND/39

37. Malaysia - Conformity Assessment Procedures for Steel Products

Members

Maintaining

MYS

Concerned

JPN

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Steel products

Objective

Unknown

Description

-

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade

Notification

Type

-

Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 19-20

Minutes, previous

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Other

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38. France - Unique Requirements for Ride-on Lawn Mowers

Members

Maintaining

FRA

Concerned

USA

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Ride-on lawn mowers

Objective

Unknown

Description

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Issues

Transparency; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

-

Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 56-62

Minutes, previous

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Other

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39. Turkey - Inspection of Imported Medical Equipment

Members

Maintaining

TUR

Concerned

USA

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Imported medical devices

Objective

Unknown

Description

-

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; discrimination; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

-

Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 63-65

Minutes, previous

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Other

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40. India - Restriction on Chinese toys

Members

Maintaining

IND

Concerned

CHN

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Toys imported from China

Objective

Unknown

Description

-

Issues

Transparency; unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination

Notification

Type

-

Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 66-67

Minutes, previous

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Other

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41. European Communities - Implementing measures of the Directive on eco-design of energy-using products

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

CHN

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Eco-design of energy-using products

Objective

Environment; harmonization

Description

Ecodesign requirements for standby and off-mode electric power consumption of electrical and electronic household and office equipment

Issues

Time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; international standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; special

and differential treatment

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2); Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/EEC/208, 228, 229, 234, 237

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 68-72

Minutes, previous

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Other

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42. Bahrain - Motor Vehicles: General Requirements

Members

Maintaining

BHR

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Motor vehicles

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Requirements for construction of motor vehicles

Issues

Further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/BHR/40

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 para. 73

Minutes, previous

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Other

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43. Chile - Cosmetics

Members

Maintaining

CHL

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Cosmetic products

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Requirements and authorization procedures for cosmetic products

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2); Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/CHL/81 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 74-76

Minutes, previous

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Other

-

44. China - Textiles and Apparel

Members

Maintaining

CHN

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Textiles and apparel

Objective

Health and/or safety; regulating the market

Description

Requirements for textiles and apparel

Issues

Further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/CHN/427 and Suppl.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 77-78

Minutes, previous

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Other

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45. Colombia - Draft Decree Establishing Provisions to Promote the Use of Biofuels

Members

Maintaining

COL

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Biofuels

Objective

Environment

Description

Regulations for biofuels

Issues

Non-necessity of mandatory requirements

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/COL/96 and Add.1-3

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 79-80

Minutes, previous

-

Other

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46. European Communities - Green Paper on Agricultural Product Quality Policy

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

MEX

Committee

First raised

18 March 2009

Last raised

18 March 2009

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Agricultural products

Objective

Unknown

Description

-

Issues

Transparency; international standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; further information, clarification;

Notification

Type

-

Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/47 paras. 95-97

Minutes, previous

-

Other

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47. Thailand - Labelling Requirement for Snack Foods

Members

Maintaining

THA

Concerned

USA, EEC, CAN, AUS

Committee

First raised

21 March 2007

Last raised

5 November 2008

Frequency

6 meetings

Measure

Product

Snack foods

Objective

Health and/or safety; quality; promote healthy life style; nutrition

Description

Labelling

Issues

Transparency; unnecessary barrier to trade; rationale, legitimacy

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/THA/215 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/46, paras. 327-328

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/41-45

Other

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Internet

www.acfs.go.th

48. Saudi Arabia - International Conformity Certification Programme (ICCP)

Members

Maintaining

SAU

Concerned

USA, JPN, MEX, KOR

Committee

First raised

15 March 2006

Last raised

5 November 2008

Frequency

6 meetings

Measure

Product

-

Objective

Unknown

Description

Requirements of conformity certificate programme

Issues

Transparency; further information, clarification; product coverage

Notification

Type

-

Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/46, paras. 329-332

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/38-42

Other

WT/ACC/SAU/61, para. 197.

49. Brazil - Registration requirements for medical devices

Members

Maintaining

BRA

Concerned

EEC, USA, CHE, CAN

Committee

First raised

5 July 2007

Last raised

5 November 2008

Frequency

5 meetings

Measure

Product

Medical devices

Objective

Unknown

Description

Registration requirement; requirement for the provision of price data

Issues

Transparency; unnecessary barrier to trade; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification; burdensome regulation

Notification

Type

-

Symbol:

-

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/46, paras. 284-288

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/42 - 45

Other

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50. Germany - Ban on Seal Products

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

CAN, NOR

Committee

First raised

20 March 2008

Last raised

5 November 2008

Frequency

3 meetings

Measure

Product

Seal products

Objective

Environment; animal health and welfare; public morals

Description

Ban on importation, processing and placing on the market

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; rationale, legitimacy

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/DEU/5 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/46 paras. 289-292

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/44-45

Other

-

51. Brazil - Wines

Members

Maintaining

BRA

Concerned

EEC, USA

Committee

First raised

1 July 2008

Last raised

5 November 2008

Frequency

2 meetings

Measure

Product

Wines

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Mandatory analytical parameters for the certification of origin of imported wines

Issues

International standards; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/BRA/238 and G/TBT/N/BRA/289

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/46, paras. 221-224

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/45

Other

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52. European Communities - Napropamide

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

IND

Committee

First raised

5 November 2008

Last raised

5 November 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Napropamide (pesticide active substance)

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment

Description

Pesticide

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; lack of scientific evidence

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/EEC/203 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/46 paras. 21-22

Minutes, previous

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Other

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53. United States - Detection of contaminants in fuel containers

Members

Maintaining

USA

Concerned

IND

Committee

First raised

5 November 2008

Last raised

5 November 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Fuel containers of casting and fencing material

Objective

Unknown

Description

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Issues

International standards; unnecessary barrier to trade

Notification

Type

-

Symbol:

-

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/46 paras. 23-24

Minutes, previous

-

Other

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54. Chinese Taipei - Green Mark Products

Members

Maintaining

TPKM

Concerned

JPN

Committee

First raised

5 November 2008

Last raised

5 November 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Green mark products

Objective

Unknown

Description

-

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade

Notification

Type

-

Symbol:

-

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/46 paras. 32-33

Minutes, previous

-

Other

-

55. Korea - Import Review Process for Functional Cosmetic

Members

Maintaining

KOR

Concerned

USA

Committee

First raised

5 November 2008

Last raised

5 November 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Cosmetics

Objective

Unknown

Description

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Issues

Discrimination

Notification

Type

-

Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/46 paras. 42-45

Minutes, previous

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Other

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56. European Communities - Capacity labelling of batteries and accumulators

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

JAP

Committee

First raised

5 November 2008

Last raised

5 November 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Labelling of battery capacities

Objective

Unknown

Description

Requirements for capacity labelling of all portable and automotive batteries and accumulators

Issues

Time to adapt, "reasonable interval"

Notification

Type

-

Symbol:

-

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/46 paras. 128-130

Minutes, previous

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Other

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57. European Communities - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Cosmetic Products

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

CHN

Committee

First raised

5 November 2008

Last raised

5 November 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Cosmetics

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Regulation on Cosmetic Products

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2) and Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/EEC/186 and Corr.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/46, paras. 11-14

Minutes, previous

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Other

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58. China - Brake linings for automobiles

Members

Maintaining

CHN

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

5 November 2008

Last raised

5 November 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Brake linings for automobiles

Objective

Quality; adapting scientific and technical advance

Description

Classification, technical requirements, test methods, inspection rules, marks, packages, transportation and storage for brake linings of automobiles

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/CHN/366 and Suppl.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/46, paras. 15-16

Minutes, previous

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Other

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59. United States - Olive Oil

Members

Maintaining

USA

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

5 November 2008

Last raised

5 November 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Olive Oil

Objective

Health and/or safety; consumer protection

Description

-

Issues

International standards

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/USA/395

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/46, paras. 17-20

Minutes, previous

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Other

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60. Korea - Fish heads

Members

Maintaining

KOR

Concerned

NZL, NOR, EEC, ISL

Committee

First raised

2 July 2003

Last raised

1 July 2008

Frequency

15 meetings

Measure

Product

Fish heads (e.g. Hake, Cod and Pollack)

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Prohibition, ban

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

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Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/45, paras. 119-120

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/30-36, 38-44

Other

G/SPS/N/KOR/243

61. Norway - Restrictions on the use of Deca-bromo diphenylether (deca-BDE)

Members

Maintaining

NOR

Concerned

JPN, JOR, USA, ISR

Committee

First raised

15 March 2006

Last raised

1 July 2008

Frequency

8 meetings

Measure

Product

Deca-bromo diphenylether (decaBDE), chemicals

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment

Description

Prohibition, ban

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; further information, clarification; scientific evidence

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/NOR/6 and Add.1 and Corr.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/45, para. 157

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/38-44

Other

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Internet

http://www.sft.no/arbeidsomr/kjemikalier/flammehemmere/brominatedflameretardants_actionplan.ht

62. China - Revision of the list of toxic chemicals severely restricted in the People's Republic of

China in the regulation for environmental management on the first import of chemicals and the import and export of toxic chemicals

Members

Maintaining

CHN

Concerned

EEC, JPN, USA

Committee

First raised

15 March 2006

Last raised

1 July 2008

Frequency

6 meetings

Measure

Product

Toxic chemicals

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment

Description

Registration, certification, clearance

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; further information, clarification; registration fees, administrative costs

Notification

Type

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Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/45, paras. 183-185

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/38-41, 44

Other

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63. China - Domestic gas cooking appliances

Members

Maintaining

CHN

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

15 March 2006

Last raised

1 July 2008

Frequency

5 meetings

Measure

Product

Domestic gas cooking appliances

Objective

Health and/or safety; regulating the market

Description

Definitions, classifications, requirements, test methods, inspection rules, marking, package, transportation and storage

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; rationale, legitimacy; minimum temperature resistance requirement

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/CHN/237

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/45, paras. 164-165

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/38, 40, 42 - 44

Other

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64. United States - Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorist Regulation

Members

Maintaining

USA

Concerned

CHL, ISR

Committee

First raised

20 March 2008

Last raised

1 July 2008

Frequency

2 meetings

Measure

Product

Potassium nitrate, sodium nitrate, calcium nitrate

Objective

Unknown

Description

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Issues

Transparency; unnecessary barrier to trade; rationale, legitimacy

Notification

Type

-

Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/45, paras. 107-113

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/44

Other

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65. European Communities - Toys

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

CHN, KOR

Committee

First raised

20 March 2008

Last raised

1 July 2008

Frequency

2 meetings

Measure

Product

Toys

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Safety requirements; obligations of manufacturers, importers, distributors; conformity assessment procedures; marking; procedures for unsafe toys

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; burdensome testing; inappropriate design; different criteria among EC member States

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/EEC/184

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/45, paras. 173-175

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/44

Other

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66. Germany - Changes in the Prohibition of Chemicals Ordinance

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

ISR, CHL

Committee

First raised

1 July 2008

Last raised

1 July 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Chemicals

Objective

Unknown

Description

Prohibition, ban

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade

Notification

Type

-

Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/45 paras. 15-17

Minutes, previous

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Other

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67. Korea - Country of Origin Labelling Requirements for Certain Imported Fruit

Members

Maintaining

KOR

Concerned

US, MEX

Committee

First raised

1 July 2008

Last raised

1 July 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Seven types of imported fruit for bulk sale: sweet pumpkins, bananas, oranges, pineapples, melons,

watermelons and durians

Objective

Unknown

Description

Requirements for country of origin labelling

Issues

Discrimination

Notification

Type

-

Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/45 paras. 29-31

Minutes, previous

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Other

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68. Colombia - Regulation on Wine labelling

Members

Maintaining

COL

Concerned

CHL

Committee

First raised

1 July 2008

Last raised

1 July 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Wines

Objective

Unknown

Description

Labelling

Issues

Transparency, time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; further information, clarification; nature of the measure unclear

Notification

Type

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Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/45 paras. 18-19

Minutes, previous

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Other

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69. Indonesia - Zinc Coated Steel Sheet

Members

Maintaining

IDN

Concerned

KOR

Committee

First raised

1 July 2008

Last raised

1 July 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Zinc coated steel sheet

Objective

Quality, consumer protection; fair trade competition

Description

Requirements for the marketing of zinc coated steel sheet (product certificates, testing methods, quality and marking requirements, packaging)

Issues

Transparency; rationale; legitimacy; unnecessary barrier to trade

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/IDN/17

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/45 paras. 20-21

Minutes, previous

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Other

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70. Indonesia - Requirements for Rubber Hoses for LPG Gas Stoves

Members

Maintaining

IDN

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

1 July 2008

Last raised

1 July 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Tanks steel and rubber hoses for LPG gas stoves

Objective

Quality; consumer protection; fair trade competition

Description

Requirements for the marketing of tanks steel and rubber hoses for LPG gas stoves (product certificates, testing methods, quality and marking requirements, packaging)

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Urgent Technical Regulation (Article 2.10.1); Urgent Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.7.1)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/IDN/19

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/45 paras. 22-24

Minutes, previous

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Other

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71. China - Administration on the Control of Pollution Caused by Electronic Information Products

Members

Maintaining

CHN

Concerned

EEC, JPN, USA

Committee

First raised

2 November 2005

Last raised

20 March 2008

Frequency

6 meetings

Measure

Product

Electronic information products

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment

Description

Certification, inspection, labelling, CCC Scheme

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; international standards; further information, clarification; scope of coverage of measure

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2) and Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/CHN/140, Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/44, paras 204-205

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/37-40, 42

Other

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Internet

www.mii.gov.cn/art/2006/03/02/art_524_7343.html

72. Moldova - Quality and control measures for bottled, non-alcoholic beverages including mineral, natural water and soft drinks

Members

Maintaining

MDA

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

9 November 2007

Last raised

20 March 2008

Frequency

2 meetings

Measure

Product

Bottled natural mineral water, table water and soft drinks

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Conformity assessment, quality and control requirements, label, mark

Issues

Transparency

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/MDA/13

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/44, paras 223

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/43

Other

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73. United States - Proposed Rule on Labelling and Advertising of Wines, Distilled Spirits and Malt Beverages

Members

Maintaining

USA

Concerned

ARG

Committee

First raised

9 November 2007

Last raised

20 March 2008

Frequency

2 meetings

Measure

Product

Wines, distilled spirits and malt beverages

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Proposed rule on the labelling and advertising of wines, distilled spirits and malt beverages

Issues

International standards; rationale, legitimacy

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/USA/290 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/44, paras 198-199

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/43

Other

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Internet

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-18510.pdf>

74. United States - Flammability of Clothing Textiles

Members

Maintaining

USA

Concerned

CHN

Committee

First raised

5 July 2007

Last raised

20 March 2008

Frequency

2 meetings

Measure

Product

Clothing textiles

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Amendment of standard; original outdated; need to better reflect current consumer practices and technologies; need to clarify

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; unnecessary barrier to trade; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/USA/242

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/44, paras 206-207

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/42

Other

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Internet

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/07->

779.pdf

75. Japan - Labelling Guidelines on Wagyu Beef

Members

Maintaining

JPN

Concerned

AUS, USA

Committee

First raised

20 March 2008

Last raised

20 March 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Wagyu beef

Objective

Unknown

Description

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Issues

Further information, clarification; labelling

Notification

Type

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Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/44 paras 52-55

Minutes, previous

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Other

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76. European Communities - Lighters

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

CHN

Committee

First raised

20 March 2008

Last raised

20 March 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Lighters

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment

Description

Child-resistance for lighters; safety requirements and test methods

Issues

Transparency; unnecessary barrier to trade; rationale, legitimacy

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/EEC/178

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/44, paras 24-26

Minutes, previous

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Other

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77. Canada - Mandatory Container Size

Members

Maintaining

CAN

Concerned

USA

Committee

First raised

20 March 2008

Last raised

20 March 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Infant food jars

Objective

Unknown

Description

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Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

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Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/44, paras 27-28

Minutes, previous

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Other

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78. South Africa - Labelling and Advertising of Foodstuff

Members

Maintaining

ZAF

Concerned

USA

Committee

First raised

20 March 2008

Last raised

20 March 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Pre-packaged foodstuffs

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Labelling and advertising

Issues

Rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/ZAF/66

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/44, paras 50-51

Minutes, previous

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Other

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79. Moldova - Draft Law on Alcoholic Beverages

Members

Maintaining

MDA

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

20 March 2008

Last raised

20 March 2008

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Alcoholic beverages

Objective

Unknown

Description

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Issues

Transparency

Notification

Type

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Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/44, paras 56

Minutes, previous

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Other

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80. New Zealand - Ban on the Importation of Trout

Members

Maintaining

NZL

Concerned

CAN, NOR

Committee

First raised

27 June 2000

Last raised

9 November 2007

Frequency

8 meetings

Measure

Product

Trout

Objective

Environment

Description

Temporary ban on importation of commercial quantities of trout

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; rationale, legitimacy; although temporary, extended by successive customs orders; availability of alternative measures

Notification

Type

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Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/43, paras 70-72

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/19-20, 25-26, 33-34, 36.

Other

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81. European Communities - Fire Performance of Construction Products

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

JPN, USA, PHL, COL, BRA, KOR, MEX, THA

Committee

First raised

15 March 2006

Last raised

9 November 2007

Frequency

6 meetings

Measure

Product

Electric cables

Objective

Health and/or safety; good functioning of the internal market

Description

Establishes classes of reaction to fire performance for cables, the relevant test methods, the classification criteria and the additional classification options

Issues

Transparency; international standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; discrimination; further information, clarification; special and differential treatment

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2), Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/EEC/92 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/43, paras 103-104

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/38-42

Other

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Internet

<http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/tbt/>

82. Belgium and The Netherlands - Seal products

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

CAN, NOR

Committee

First raised

4 November 2004

Last raised

9 November 2007

Frequency

6 meetings

Measure

Product

Seal skins and seal derived products (hooded seals and harp seals)

Objective

Environment; public opinion, public morality, animal welfare

Description

Ban, prohibition

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification; Article XX of GATT, science, CITES

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/BEL/39 and G/TBT/N/NLD/68

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/43, paras 44-49

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/34, 39-42

Other

WT/DS369/1

Internet

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/tbt/>

83. Brazil - Mandatory certification of batteries

Members

Maintaining

BRA

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

21 March 2007

Last raised

9 November 2007

Frequency

3 meetings

Measure

Product

Batteries for electronic items, including mobile phones

Objective

Unknown

Description

Third party certification requirement

Issues

Transparency; unnecessary barrier to trade; rationale, legitimacy; further information, clarification; use of SDoC

Notification

Type

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Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/43, paras 116-117

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/41-42

Other

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84. Turkey - Product-tracking system for tobacco products and alcoholic beverages

Members

Maintaining

TUR

Concerned

USA

Committee

First raised

5 July 2007

Last raised

9 November 2007

Frequency

2 meetings

Measure

Product

Alcoholic products; tobacco products

Objective

Other. financial purposes; to stop tax evasion through ensuring that the products were produced, and/or imported legally to Turkey

Description

Product tracking system; marking; mandatory application of strip stamps

Issues

Transparency; discrimination; whether measure is covered by scope of TBT Agreement

Notification

Type

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Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/43, paras 67-69

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/42

Other

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85. United States - Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions

Members

Maintaining

USA

Concerned

CHN

Committee

First raised

5 July 2007

Last raised

9 November 2007

Frequency

2 meetings

Measure

Product

Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions

Objective

Environment

Description

Amendment; requirements for the control of volatile organic compound emissions in the use of consumer and commercial products; including requirements for labelling, compliance certification and testing

Issues

International standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Proposed Technical Regulation (Article 3.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/USA/249

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/43, paras 118-120

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/42

Other

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Internet

<http://www.mass.gov/dep/service/regulations/310cmr07.pdf>

86. Chinese Taipei - Amended Hygiene Standards for Alcohol Products

Members

Maintaining

TPKM

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

9 November 2007

Last raised

9 November 2007

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Alcohol products

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Hygiene standards for alcohol products, labelling, additives

Issues

Transparency; international standards; rationale, legitimacy; scope of measure

Notification

Type

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Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/43, paras 21-22

Minutes, previous

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Other

G/SPS/N/TPKM/64 and Add.1

87. Switzerland - Measures to Reduce Particle Emissions from Diesel Engine

Members

Maintaining

CHE

Concerned

EEC, USA

Committee

First raised

1 July 2004

Last raised

5 July 2007

Frequency

7 meetings

Measure

Product

Diesel passenger cars and light commercial vehicles as well as agricultural and forestry tractors

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment

Description

Maximum particle emission level

Issues

Transparency

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/CHE/39 and 67

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/42, paras 104-106

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/33-36, 40-41

Other

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88. European Communities - Ecodesign requirements for energy-using products ("EuP Directive")

Members

Maintaining

EEC

Concerned

CHN, USA, JPN, MYS

Committee

First raised

2 November 2005

Last raised

5 July 2007

Frequency

5 meetings

Measure

Product

Energy using products

Objective

Environment

Description

CE marking

Issues

Transparency; time to adapt, "reasonable interval"; international standards; further information, clarification; technical assistance; product coverage, conformity assessment requirements, status of implementing measures, criteria for equivalence

Notification

Type

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Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/42, paras 81-83

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/37-40

Other

Directive 2005/32/EC

89. Uruguay - Enrichment of Wheat Flour and Foods Prepared with Wheat Flour

Members

Maintaining

URY

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

9 November 2006

Last raised

5 July 2007

Frequency

3 meetings

Measure

Product

Wheat flour and foods prepared with wheat flour (with some exceptions)

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment

Description

Mandatory requirement for enrichment with iron and folic acid

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade; further information, clarification; scope of coverage of exemptions

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation - Urgent (Article 2.10.1)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/URY/2

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/42, paras 136-137

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/40-41

Other

90. Philippines - Ceramic wall and floor tiles

Members

Maintaining

PHL

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

9 November 2006

Last raised

5 July 2007

Frequency

3 meetings

Measure

Product

Ceramic wall and floor tiles

Objective

Other, fair competition among manufacturers, distributors, purchasers and users

Description

Specification of dimensions and tolerances, physical and chemical characteristics, sampling, testing and marking requirements

Issues

Transparency; notification of testing methods.

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/PHL/77 and Add.1; PHL/63; and PHL/60

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/42, para. 103

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/40-41

Other

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91. Chinese Taipei - Anti-theft Regulations for Vehicles

Members

Maintaining

TPKM

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

5 July 2007

Last raised

5 July 2007

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Motor vehicles and motorcycles

Objective

Prevent theft; enhance public order

Description

Anti-theft parts marking requirements; marking of identification numbers of domestic manufacturers, dealers or importers on specific designated major components

Issues

International standards; unnecessary barrier to trade; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/TPKM/45

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/42, paras 14-16

Minutes, previous

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Other

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92. Chinese Taipei - Plastic trays and packaging

Members

Maintaining

TPKM

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

5 July 2007

Last raised

5 July 2007

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Plastic trays and packaging used in hypermarkets and supermarkets for packaging eggs, fresh foods, deli and bakery

Objective

Environment; resource conservation and waste reduction

Description

Restricted on use of plastic trays and packaging

Issues

Discrimination.

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/TPKM/43

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/42, paras 26-28

Minutes, previous

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Other

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93. Qatar - Motor Vehicles Tyres

Members

Maintaining

QAT

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

5 July 2007

Last raised

5 July 2007

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Cars

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Vehicle identification number (VIN) of motor vehicles, tread wear, traction and temperature

resistance grading of tires; methods of testing

Issues

Transparency; unnecessary barrier to trade

Notification

Type

Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/QAT/11

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/42, para 49

Minutes, previous

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Other

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94. Hong Kong - Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme

Members

Maintaining

HKG

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

5 July 2007

Last raised

5 July 2007

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Air conditioners, refrigerators, fluorescent lamps

Objective

Environment

Description

Energy efficiency labelling scheme, registration

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade

Notification

Type

Conformity Assessment Procedure (Article 5.6.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/HKG/26 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/42, paras 57

Minutes, previous

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Other

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95. India - Mandatory Certification of Ceramic Tiles

Members

Maintaining

IND

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

5 July 2007

Last raised

5 July 2007

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Pressed ceramic tiles

Objective

Health and/or safety; quality

Description

Certification, labelling, marking

Issues

International standards; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/IND/28 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/42, paras 62-63

Minutes, previous

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Other

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96. China - Measures on the Environmental Management of New Chemical Substances

Members

Maintaining

CHN

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

9 November 2006

Last raised

21 March 2007

Frequency

2 meetings

Measure

Product

Chemicals

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment

Description

Registration

Issues

Further information, clarification

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/CHN/210

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/41, paras 81-82

Minutes, previous

G/TBT/M/40

Other

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Internet

<http://www.crc-sepa.org.cn/newchem/cnewchem.htm>

97. India - Electrical products

Members

Maintaining

IND

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

21 March 2007

Last raised

21 March 2007

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Electrical products

Objective

Health and/or safety; environment

Description

Certification

Issues

Unnecessary barrier to trade.

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/IND/30 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/41, paras 19-20

Minutes, previous

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Other

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Internet

www.bis.org.in

98. United States - Children's jewellery

Members

Maintaining

USA

Concerned

CHN

Committee

First raised

21 March 2007

Last raised

21 March 2007

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Children's jewellery

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Possible ban on children's metal jewellery containing more than 0.06% lead by weight in metal components

Issues

International standards; unnecessary barrier to trade

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/USA/232

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/41, paras 16-18

Minutes, previous

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Other

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Internet

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-109.pdf>

99. Korea - Safety criteria for various products

Members

Maintaining

KOR

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

21 March 2007

Last raised

21 March 2007

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Various products (47 items)

Objective

Health and/or safety; quality

Description

Safety criteria for technical regulations

Issues

International standards

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/KOR/127

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/41, paras 12-13

Minutes, previous

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Other

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Internet

http://ats.go.kr/english/cm_02/cm_02_06.asp?OlapCode=ATSU2106

100. China - Requirements for Concentration Limits for Certain Hazardous Substances in Electronic Information Products

Members

Maintaining

CHN

Concerned

JPN

Committee

First raised

21 March 2007

Last raised

21 March 2007

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Electronic information products

Objective

Environment

Description

Marking, testing methods (voluntary).

Issues

International standards

Notification

Type

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Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/41, paras 10-11

Minutes, previous

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Other

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101. China - Unified charges for telecom terminals

Members

Maintaining

CHN

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

21 March 2007

Last raised

21 March 2007

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Telecom terminals

Objective

Unknown

Description

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Issues

International standards; further information, clarification

Notification

Type

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Symbol:

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Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/41, paras 4-5

Minutes, previous

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Other

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102. India - Protective Headgear

Members

Maintaining

IND

Concerned

EEC

Committee

First raised

21 March 2007

Last raised

21 March 2007

Frequency

1 meeting

Measure

Product

Protective helmets for motorcycle riders

Objective

Health and/or safety

Description

Mandatory certification

Issues

International standards; rationale, legitimacy

Notification

Type

Technical Regulation (Article 2.9.2)

Symbol:

G/TBT/N/IND/31 and Add.1

Documents

Minutes, latest

G/TBT/M/41, paras 21-22

Minutes, previous

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Other

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Internet

www.bis.org.in

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2 Article 13.1 of the TBT Agreement.

3 For each specific trade concern covered there may be more than one type of concern raised. In addition to the issues listed in Figure 1, other issues have also been raised (e.g. "complexity", "lack of scientific evidence" or "intellectual property"). More detail is contained under the specific concerns listed in Section C. It is noted that "Reasonable interval" is the period between publication of technical regulations and entry into force.

4 Two concerns discussed in the TBT Committee were notified to the SPS Committee.

5 For each specific trade concern there may be more than one stated objective.

6 The numbers in parenthesis indicate the total number of WTO Members in the region.

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