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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>BRAZIL</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: National Institute of Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality-INMETRO Telephone: +(55) 21 2563.2821 Telefax: +(55) 21 2502.6542 Email: barreirastecnicas@inmetro.gov.br Web-site: www.inmetro.gov.br Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, seamless of iron (not cast iron) or steel (HS 7304); Other tubes & pipes, having circular cross-sections, the external diameter of which exceeds 406.4 of iron or steel (HS 7305); Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles of iron or steel (not 7305) (HS 7306)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Ministerial Act number 94, dated May 06 th , 2004 (Portaria no. 94, de 06 de maio de 2004), issued by Inmetro, for carbon steel or microalloyed steel tubes, used in the assembly of electric power transmission towers (12 pages, in Portuguese)
6.	Description of content: Draft Technical Regulation laying down mandatory conformity assessment procedures for carbon-steel or microalloyed tubes, welded or seamless, used in the assembly of electric power transmission tower, either, national produced and imported, which are marketed in Brazil. The conformity assessment mechanism used in this procedure refers to the Supplier's Declaration. The document provides the option of three different processes for issuing the Conformity Declaration and for the obtainance of the license for using the mark of register.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Safety requirements.

8.	Relevant documents: Ministerial Act number 33, dated 22 nd January 2004 (Portaria Inmetro N° 33, de 22 de janeiro de 2004), Ministerial Act number 145, dated 23 rd October 2001 (Portaria Inmetro N° 145, de 23 de outubro de 2001), Conmetro Resolution number 04/1998 (Resolução Conmetro N° 04/1998).
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } Not stated
10.	Final date for comments: 10 July 2004
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: http://www.inmetro.gov.br/rtac/pdf/RTAC000896.pdf