

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CZECH REPUBLIC</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing (COSMT) Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification can 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): Various products from the whole range of HS Chapters
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Governmental Order Laying Down the Technical Requirements for the Specified Products (10 pages, in Czech)
6.	<p>Description of content: This Order is drafted in accordance with Article 22 of Act 22/1997 Coll. on technical requirements for products (which was notified to the WTO/TBT Member States in Notification G/TBT/Notif.96.24).</p> <p>The set up obligations concern requirements for manufacturer's declaration of conformity (§§ 1 and 2), type examination (§ 4), and conformity assessment (§§ 5 and 6).</p> <p>Annex I lists 69 groups of products about which the manufacturer/importers submit the conformity declaration based on their own conformity assessment.</p> <p>Annex II lists 28 groups of products about which the manufacturers/importers submit the conformity declaration based on the certificate issued by the authorized entity.</p> <p>These 97 groups of products fall within the category of products which:</p>

6.	<p>Description of content (cont'd):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - may potentially represent higher risk of being harmful when used or applied (such products are designated as "the specified products" according to Article 12 of Act 22/1997 Coll.); and - are <u>not</u> covered by any of nine other prepared Governmental Orders implementing EEC New Approach Directives, namely those on (1) machinery safety, (2) toys safety, (3) EMC, (4) personal protective equipment, (5) simple pressure vessels, (6) low voltage equipment, (7) gas appliances, (8) equipment and protective systems in the potentially explosive atmospheres, and (9) construction products. <p>As this draft Order is in the stage of comments from relevant authorities and interested Czech parties, the list is being ever changed, and will be changed (shortened) in future whenever a new Governmental Order is adopted which will implement any other New Approach EEC product Directive.</p>
7.	Objective and rationale: Consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: Act 22/1997 Coll., Official Journal of the COSMT
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption:</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: 1 September 1997 (together with Act 22/1997 Coll., on Technical Requirements for Products)</p>
10.	Final date for comments: 2 June 1997
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: