

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATIONS ISSUED DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2003

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In the Second Triennial Review of the Operation and Implementation of the TBT Agreement (concluded in November 2000), Members instructed the Secretariat to prepare a monthly list of notifications. The attached table contains a list of all notifications issued during the month of February 2003, which includes a total of 44 notifications by 14 Members.

| Member | Notification and Date of Circulation | Article | Product /Measure | Objective | Deadline for comments |
|----------|--------------------------------------|---------|---|--|-----------------------|
| Brazil | G/TBT/N/BRA/99 05/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Packaged foods (HS: Section IV) | Packaging and labelling requirements and public health | 28/02/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/BRA/100 04/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Allergenic products (HS: 30.03, 30.04) | Labelling requirements and public health | 07/02/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/BRA/101 20/02/03 | 2.10.1 | Products destined for dentin hypersensitivity (HS: 33.06) | Consumer's health and safety and labelling requirements | Not stated |
| | G/TBT/N/BRA/102 20/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Any product subject to sanitary surveillance | Labelling and packaging requirements, consumer's health and safety | 20/03/03 |
| Canada | G/TBT/N/CAN/56 06/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Gasoline (ICS: 75.160.20) | Protection of the environment | 02/04/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/CAN/57 06/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Benzene (ICS : 75.160.20) | Protection of human health and the environment | 02/04/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/CAN/58 07/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Motor vehicle headlamps (ICS: 43.040.20) | Protection of human safety | 17/04/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/CAN/59 07/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) (ICS: 43.020) | Prevention of deceptive practices | 17/04/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/CAN/60 11/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Snowmobiles (ICS: 43.160, 03.120.20) | Protection of human safety | 17/04/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/CAN/61 11/02/03 | 5.6.2 | Terminal Equipment (ICS: 33.050) | Protection of the network | 17/04/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/CAN/62 18/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Prepackaged food (ICS: 67.020, 67.230) | To improve current labelling and advertising information and address consumer and industry concerns | 20/03/03 |
| Colombia | G/TBT/N/COL/22 19/02/03 | 5.6.2 | All products | Prevent practices likely to mislead consumers | 10/05/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/COL/23 27/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Fertilizers and soil conditioners and the raw materials thereof | To prevent and minimize harm to human, animal and plant health and the environment under authorized conditions and to facilitate international trade | 20/05/03 |
| Croatia | G/TBT/N/HRV/23 05/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Nonautomatic weighing instruments (ICS: 17.060) | Not specified | 10/02/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/HRV/24 05/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Nonautomatic weighing instruments (ICS: 17.060) | Not specified | 10/02/03 |

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| Croatia | G/TBT/N/HRV/25 05/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Truck-weighbridge and rail-weighbridge housing (ICS: 17.060) | Not specified | 10/02/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/HRV/26 05/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Rail-weighbridge load receivers (ICS: 17.060) | Not specified | 10/02/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/HRV/27 05/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Standard weights from 50 kg to 5000 kg (ICS: 17.060) | Not specified | 10/02/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/HRV/28 05/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Automatic weighing instruments for moving vehicle (ICS: 17.060) | Not specified | 10/03/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/HRV/29 05/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Load cells using for weighing instruments (ICS: 17.060) | Not specified | 10/03/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/HRV/30 05/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Automatic weighing instruments for discontinuous totalizing (ICS: 17.060) | Not specified | 10/03/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/HRV/31 05/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Automatic weighing instruments using on belt weighers (ICS: 17.060) | Not specified | 10/03/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/HRV/32 12/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Climbing spurs | Not specified | Not specified |
| | G/TBT/N/HRV/33 12/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Metrological requirements for gas-volume conversion devices (ICS: 17.020) | Not specified | Not specified |
| Denmark | G/TBT/N/DNK/14 05/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Lighters, barges and other vessels without propulsion machinery | Safety of barges | 15/03/03 |
| Hungary | G/TBT/N/HUN/6 20/02/03 | 5.6.2 | Mineral materials, asbestos (2524 00); chemical materials, vinyl-chloride (2903 21) | Assertion of occupational health interests; legal harmonization of directive 76/769/EEC | Not specified |
| | G/TBT/N/HUN/7 20/02/03 | 2.9.2 5.6.2 | In vitro diagnostic medical devices: VI. - Chemical products, Chapter 30, 3006. | Transposition of Directive 98/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council | 20/02/03 |
| Japan | G/TBT/N/JPN/73 04/02/03 | 2.9.2 5.6.2 | Motor vehicles (HS: 87.01-08, 87.11, 87.14 and 87.16) | To prevent death caused by head injury | 31/03/03 |

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| Japan | G/TBT/N/JPN/74 17/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Chemical substances newly produced or imported in Japan; Persistent and eco-toxic chemical substances; Persistent and bio-accumulative chemical substances already in existence | To extend the chemical management system to include ecosystem protection, and to further improve its effectiveness and efficiency | 10/03/03 |
| Mexico | G/TBT/N/MEX/43 03/02/03 | 5.6.2 | Road tankers for the transportation of dangerous materials and wastes. Conformity assessment procedure | To establish general quality requirements to ensure the safety of workers, the public, the environment and means of transport | 18/03/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/MEX/44 04/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Handheld trimmers or shears | To improve the quality; to define the technical requirements for user safety, labelling specifications and/or commercial information and the testing methods applicable | 28/02/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/MEX/45 04/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Packages and packings for the transportation of radioactive material | To protect the safety of persons, to protect the environment and communication routes | 28/02/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/MEX/46 04/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Radioactive materials and packaging | To protect the safety of individuals, to protect the environment and communication routes; to establish a classification for radioactive materials based on their origin | 28/02/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/MEX/47 28/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Hazardous substances and materials | To identify and classify the most commonly transported hazardous substances and materials; to establish methods of packing, packaging and transport, to protect the safety of workers, the public, the environment and communication routes | 08/04/03 |
| New Zealand | G/TBT/N/NZL/13 14/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Minimum energy performance standards for ballasts for fluorescent lamps, and electric storage water heaters (excluding those with three or more heating elements or designed for use with a solar water heating system) | To improve the energy efficiency of New Zealand's stock of energy using products over time | 30/04/03 |

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| New Zealand | G/TBT/N/NZL/14 28/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Foods/Processed Foods – ‘Sports Foods’ | Protect public health and safety; Provide information to consumers; Develop consistent food regulations applying to sports foods between Australia and New Zealand to facilitate trade | 10/06/03 |
| Peru | G/TBT/N/PER/2 03/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Telecommunications terminal equipment | To regulate the non-ionizing radiation produced by telecommunication services and to safeguard public health | 24/01/03 |
| Slovak Republic | G/TBT/N/SVK/4 04/02/03 | 5.7.1 | Footwear for children up to three years of age | To protect sensitive group of consumers | Not specified |
| Slovenia | G/TBT/N/SVN/11 18/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Genetically modified organisms, micro organisms, plants, animals, feed and seed (HS code Chapters 1 to 8 and Chapters 10 - 12, ICS 65.020) | Enabling safe use of biotechnology and to regulate the field of treatment of GMO's | Not specified |
| | G/TBT/N/SVN/12 18/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Genetically modified organisms (additives and flavourings) (HS 1005;1201 ICS 67.220) | Food safety | Not specified |
| Sweden | G/TBT/N/SWE/26 17/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Construction products used for roads and streets | Incorporate relevant levels for the requirements concerning harmonized as well as other product standards and detailing of the requirements of the Act and Decree | 15/04/03 |
| United States | G/TBT/N/USA/31 13/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Airplane Fuselage Doors (ICS 49) | Safety | 14/04/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/USA/32 13/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Food Facilities (ICS 67) | To respond to a threatened or actual terrorist attack on the U.S. food supply by giving FDA information about all facilities that manufacture, process, pack or hold food for consumption in the United States | 04/04/03 |
| | G/TBT/N/USA/33 14/02/03 | 2.9.2 | Explosives (ICS 71) | Safety | 29/04/03 |