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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>CZECH REPUBLIC</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Industry and Trade 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 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 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)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:): Draft Amendment of Act No 22/1997 Coll., on Technical Requirements for Products and on Amendments to Some Acts, as last amended (8 pages, in Czech).
6.	Description of content: The purpose of this draft amendment is to meet all obligations of the Czech Republic as the EU member state by the date of its accession to the EU. It involves the field of harmonisation of protection of justified concern and of free movement of products as well. On the basis of experience with enforcement of the Act a series of more precised formulations have been made including the modification of the use of the Czech mark of conformity in non-harmonized area at the full membership of the Czech Republic in the EU.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To comply the Czech legal system with EC legislation and elimination of present dual declaration of conformity system, where aside from valid CE marking for PECA is still applied declaration of conformity in writing for non-PECA sectors and for the third countries. Another modifications are related to article 7 with more precisely formulated empowering of the Czech Government for the implementation of directive 98/34/EC. Other modifications are of formal nature.
8.	Relevant documents: Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: June 2002 Proposed date of entry into force: the date of entering of the Agreement on Accession of the Czech Republic to the EU into force, except the modifications of formal nature which will enter into force after promulgation of the Act.
10.	Final date for comments: 30 March 2002
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.unmz.cz/ , wto.tbt@unmz.cz