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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>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry for the Environment, PO Box 10 362, Wellington. Phone: (0064) 4 917 7517; Fax: (0064) 4 917 7521. Email: Sherilyn.Hinton@mfe.govt.nz . Web: www.mfe.govt.nz 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: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority, 44 The Terrace, PO Box 388, Wellington Phone: (0064) 4 470 2200; Fax: (0064) 4 499 5330; Email: Tony.Frost@eeeca.govt.nz Web: www.eeca.govt.nz
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): Distribution transformers: (HS 8504.21.00.10J; 8504.22.00.10C; 8504.32; 8504.32.01.10C; 8504.33.00.10A; 8504.34.00.10F.)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: The Energy Efficiency (Energy Using Products) Regulations 2002 will be amended to introduce minimum energy performance standards for distribution transformers. The test procedures and technical requirements are contained in the relevant Standards and are called up in the regulations. The Regulations can be examined on the Website: http://www.legislation.govt.nz/browse_vw.asp?content-set=pal_regs The relevant Standards are as follows (details of standards can be found on the web site www.energyrating.gov.au): AS 2374.1.2: Power Transformers Part 1.2: Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) requirements for distribution transformers, (16 pages, in English) AS 2374.1: Power transformers Part 1: General, (63 pages, in English) AS 2735: Dry-type power transformers, (13 pages, in English)

6.	Description of content: The proposed regulations specify that minimum energy performance standards (MEPS) for distribution transformers come into effect in New Zealand from 1 October 2004. All distribution transformers, within the scope of the Standards, manufactured in or imported into New Zealand on or after that date must meet the MEPS requirements set out in the relevant Standard.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Environmental protection and meeting New Zealand's international obligations. The objectives are (1) to contribute to a 20% improvement in national energy efficiency by 2012, as targetted under the 2001 National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy; (2) to reduce national greenhouse gas emissions, as targetted under the Kyoto Protocol; and (3) to align MEPS standards with Australia, within the spirit of the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Arrangement.
8.	<p>Relevant documents:</p> <p>AS 2374.1.2: Power Transformers Part 1.2: Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) requirements for distribution transformers</p> <p>AS 2374.1: Power transformers Part 1: General</p> <p>AS 2735: Dry-type power transformers</p> <p>AS 2374.1.2, AS 2374.1 and AS 2735 are available at a charge from the Standards Australia web shop at http://www.standards.com.au/catalogue/Script/search.asp</p> <p>Testing standard is closely based on international testing standard IEC 60076, but also requires that energy losses be reported to a higher level of precision.</p>
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption:</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 October 2004</p>
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from the circulation date
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: