

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>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Health Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification can be indicated if different from above: National Enquiry Point
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): Glazed ceramics and glassware
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Order Amending Part II of Schedule I to the Hazardous Products Act and Hazardous Products (Glazed Ceramics and Glassware) Regulations (pages 1240-1247)
6.	<p>Description of content: Since 1972, scientific studies have indicated that previously considered "safe" lead levels pose a significant risk to the public especially to children and pregnant women. In view of these studies and the Department of Health's general policy of reducing lead exposure from consumer products to Canadians as much as possible, this proposal is intended to revise and lower the current requirements for leachable lead and cadmium from glazed ceramic foodware and to include similar requirements for glassware.</p> <p>The proposed revisions to Part II of Schedule I to the Hazardous Products Act and the Hazardous Products (Glazed Ceramics) Regulations will ensure that all glazed ceramic foodware and glassware are covered in the scope of this legislation. Specifically, the proposed revisions include the following major changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Harmonization of leachable lead and cadmium levels with those of the United States Food and Drug Administration;2. addition of a requirement for glassware and ceramicware having an exterior decoration containing lead and/or cadmium on the lip and rim area;3. specification of new test methods;4. inclusion of a warning statement or design feature on products unsuitable for food use; and5. removal of trader identification on each glazed ceramic foodware item.

7.	Objective and rationale: Protection of consumers
8.	Relevant documents: Canada Gazette, Part I, 19 April 1997
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } Not stated
10.	Final date for comments: 18 June 1997
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: