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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@eeca.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): Household refrigerators and freezers: (HS 8418)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: AS/NZS 4474.1: Performance of household electrical appliances - Refrigerating appliances, Part 1: Energy Consumption and Performance (107 pages, in English) AS/NZS 4474.2 Performance of household electrical appliances - Refrigerating appliances, Part 2: Energy labelling and minimum energy performance standard requirements (37 pages, in English). Summary is accessible at http://www.energyrating.gov.au/rf1.html .
6. Description of content: The proposed amendment to the Standard will increase the stringency of minimum energy performance standards (MEPS) for household refrigerators and freezers in New Zealand.

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.	Relevant documents: AS/NZS4474: Performance of household electrical appliances. Parts 1 and 2 of this standard are available at a charge from the Standards New Zealand Web shop at http://shop.standards.co.nz/index.jsp
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 January 2005
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: