

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Consumer Affairs Division, Department of the Treasury 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): Helmets for pedal cyclists
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standard) (Bicycle Helmets) Regulations 1999
6.	Description of content: Pedal cycle helmets are to meet the safety requirements of either: Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 2063: "Pedal Cycle Helmets". 1995 Standard for Protective Headgear for Use with Bicycles Developed by the Snell Memorial Foundation in the United States of America "Snell B95".
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The Regulations update the safety Standard which reduces the risk of serious head injury and death as a result of bicycle related incidents.
8.	Relevant documents: Section 65 of the Trade Practices Act 1974 Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standard) (Bicycle Helmets) Regulations 1999
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 22 September 1999 Proposed date of entry into force: 31 October 1999 (Note: existing requirements remain in force until 31 August 2001.)
10.	Final date for comments: 24 November 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: Consumer Affairs Division Department of the Treasury PARKES ACT 2600 Fax: +61 6263 2830 E-mail: pwilliams@treasury.gov.au