

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>ARGENTINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: MERCOSUR Common Market Group Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers and 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: <i>idem</i> 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): Bicycles
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft MERCOSUR Technical Regulation on the Safety of Children's Bicycles (7 pages, in Spanish).
6.	<p>Description of content: Children's bicycles may be placed on the market only if they comply with the essential safety requirements (MERCOSUR Standard NM 301:2002) and the warnings and indications of precautions to be taken during use laid down in Annexes I and II, which form part of this draft Resolution, taking into consideration the safety and/or health of users and third parties when the bicycles are used as intended or in a foreseeable way, bearing in mind the normal behaviour of the children for whom they are designed.</p> <p>Children's bicycles may also only be placed on the market in or transferred in any way between the States Parties if they accredit compliance with the safety and labelling requirements laid down in this draft Regulation by way of a product conformity certificate issued by a certification authority approved by the accreditation body and recognized by the regulatory body of the country of destination in both instances.</p> <p>Identification: the name, trade name or trademark and address of the manufacturer or importer, together with the warnings and precautions established in Annex II, shall be affixed to the packaging or, where no packaging exists, to the product itself in a visible, easily legible and indelible form. Instructions for use, when required, may be given on the packaging, on a label or in a leaflet.</p> <p>This draft Resolution is not mandatory for bicycles intended for export to third countries.</p> <p>Annex I: Essential safety requirements for children's bicycles; Annex II: Warnings and precautions.</p>
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection.

8.	Relevant documents: MERCOSUR/XV Working Subgroup No. 3/Draft Resolution No. 02/03.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 12 May 2003 Proposed date of entry into force: 12 July 2003
10.	Final date for comments: 12 July 2003 (E-mail to mercs3@mecon.gov.ar)
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X], or address, telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available, of other body: Focal Point of the Argentine Republic National Directorate of Domestic Trade (DNCI) Avda. J. A. Roca 651, 4 th floor, Sector 2, (C1067ABB) Buenos Aires Fax.: (54 11) 4349-4072 Tel.: (54 11) 4349-4067 E-mail: focalotc@mecon.gov.ar