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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.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>PHILIPPINES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Department of Trade and Industry-Bureau of Product Standards <b>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:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> PVC rigid electrical conduit (ICS 23.040.20)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft PNS 14:2004- Unplasticized polyvinyl chloride (uPVC) Electrical Conduit-Specification (11 pages, in English)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Bureau of Product Standards (BPS) has proposed to enforce PNS 14:2004 as a mandatory standard. This draft standard cancels and replaces PNS 14:1983- Unplasticized polyvinyl chloride (uPVC) Electrical Conduit-Specification and its amendment 01:1987. In this revision, the following are the notifications made: Inclusion of socket length in pipe dimensions and Figure 1; made the resistance to acetone and water absorption optional; adoption of ISO standards test methods for heat reversion and tensile strength and elongation thereby deleting the annexes; and addition of Table 3 for the sampling and testing schedule for assessment and compliance instead of the statistical method of sampling.  This standard does not apply for corrugated and communication conduits.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Standard specifies requirements for unplasticized polyvinyl chloride intended for the protection of electrical wires and cables.
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text form part of this national standard.  PNS/ISO 3126; PNS/ISO 2505-1; PNS/ISO 2507-1; PNS/ISO 8361-1; PNS/ISO 3472; PNS/ISO 3127; PNS/ANSI/ASTM D 2241; PNS/ISO 6259-1

<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b>	<b>}</b> To be determined
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 15 December 2004	
<b>11.</b>	<b>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:</b>  WTO/TBT Enquiry Point, Bureau of Product Standards, 3/F Trade & Industry Bldg., 361 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati, City, Philippines,  Telephone: (632) 890-4965, 890-5227; Telefax: (632) 890-5131; E-mail: <a href="mailto:bps@dti.dti.gov.ph">bps@dti.dti.gov.ph</a> ; Website: <a href="http://www.bps.dti.gov.ph">www.bps.dti.gov.ph</a>	