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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. Notifying Member: <u>ISRAEL</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Israel WTO-TBT Enquiry Point Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Israel WTO-TBT Enquiry Point Ministry of Economy and Industry Tel: + (972) 3 7347501 E-mail: Yael.Friedgut@economy.gov.il
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): Oriented strand board (OBS); (HS: 4411, 9403); (ICS: 79.060.20)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Oriented strand board (OBS) (6 page(s), in Hebrew)
6. Description of content: Draft second amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 1913 dealing with oriented strand boards (OBS). This amendment changes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds new references to paragraph 1.2;• Adds a new paragraph 1.5 dealing with the marking requirements for boards emitting a reduced amount of formaldehyde and refers to the New Annex A (Informative);• Replaces paragraph 2.5 dealing with the amount of extracted formaldehyde. Both the old standard and the new amended standard will apply from the date of entry into force of this amendment for a period of 6 months. During this time, products may be tested according to the old standard or the new amended standard.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety
8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Israel Mandatory Standard SI 1913 (March 1996) and Amendment no. 1 (October 2013);• European Standard EN 717-2: November 1994;• European Standard EN 120: December 1992.

9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: Generally, 60 days after publication in Israel Official Gazette, Section of Government Notices. Both the old standard and the new amended standard will apply from the date of entry into force of this amendment for a period of 6 months. During this time, products may be tested according to the old standard or the new amended standard.
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from notification
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/ISR/20_5081_00_x.pdf