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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.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>COLOMBIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Agency responsible:</b> <i>Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo</i> (Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism) <i>Superintendencia de Industria y Comercio</i> (Supervisory Authority for Industry and Trade) <i>Punto de Contacto OTC/MSF</i> (TBT/SPS Enquiry Point) <i>Servicio Nacional de Información de Colombia</i> (Colombian National Enquiry Point) <a href="mailto:puntocontacto@mincit.gov.co">puntocontacto@mincit.gov.co</a> <i>Dirección de Regulación</i> (Regulation Department) Calle 28 # 13 A 15 Piso 3 (+571) 6067676, Ext. 2223 Bogotá, Colombia Website: <a href="http://www.mincit.gov.co">www.mincit.gov.co</a> <b>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:</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Non-automatic weighing instruments <b>9016.00.11.00:</b> Balances of a sensitivity of 5 cg or better, with or without weights. Electric balances. Based on tariff description. <b>8423.81.00.00:</b> Weighing machinery (excluding balances of a sensitivity of 5 cg or better), including weight operated counting or checking machines; weighing machine weights of all kinds. Other weighing machinery having a maximum weighing capacity not exceeding 30 kg. Price computing balances (used in shops, supermarkets and butchers), with or without a printer, weight-only, counting, for points of sale (weight-only balances connected to a computer for price calculation) with a scale division not less than 0.1 g (generally Class III equipment, although it may also include some Class II configurations). <b>8423.82.90.00:</b> Weighing machinery (excluding balances of a sensitivity of 5 cg or better), including weight operated counting or checking machines; weighing machine weights of all kinds. Other weighing machinery: Having a maximum weighing capacity exceeding 30 kg but not exceeding 5,000 kg. Hanging and platform scales, with a capacity of between 30 and 5,000 kg. Class III.

	<p><b>8423.82.10.00:</b> Weighing machinery (excluding balances of a sensitivity of 5 cg or better), including weight operated counting or checking machines; weighing machine weights of all kinds.</p> <p>Other weighing machinery: Having a maximum weighing capacity exceeding 30 kg but not exceeding 5,000 kg: Scales between 30 and 5,000 kg for weighing vehicles.</p> <p><b>8423.89.10.00:</b> Weighing machinery (excluding balances of a sensitivity of 5 cg or better), including weight operated counting or checking machines; weighing machine weights of all kinds.</p> <p>Other weighing machinery: Other: Scales for weighing vehicles of more than 5,000 kg.</p> <p><b>9016.00.12.00:</b> Balances of a sensitivity of 5 cg or better, with or without weights. Electronic balances. Balances with a scale division not exceeding 0.05 g. Class II and Class I equipment.</p>
5.	<p><b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> <i>Resolución 33187 de junio 16 de 2023, "Por la cual se modifica el Capítulo Sexto en el Título VI de la Circular Única de la Superintendencia de Industria y Comercio"</i> (Resolution No. 33187 of June 16 2023 amending the sixth chapter of Title VI of the Single Circular of the Supervisory Authority for Industry and Trade) (27 pages, in Spanish)</p>
6.	<p><b>Description of content: 6.1. Purpose:</b> The purpose of the notified Metrological Technical Regulation is to prevent consumers and users in general from being misled, by guaranteeing the quality of the measurements provided by non-automatic weighing instruments.</p> <p>To fulfil this objective, the notified Regulation establishes the technical, metrological and administrative requirements to be met by non-automatic weighing instruments; lays down the conformity assessment procedure; outlines the obligations for manufacturers, importers and marketers; and specifies the metrological verification procedure for instruments of this type that are used in activities subject to metrological control.</p>
7.	<p><b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b></p> <p>The purpose of the notified Metrological Technical Regulation is to prevent consumers and users in general from being misled, by guaranteeing the quality of the measurements provided by non-automatic weighing instruments.</p> <p>To fulfil this objective, the notified Regulation establishes the technical, metrological and administrative requirements to be met by non-automatic weighing instruments; lays down the conformity assessment procedure; outlines the obligations for manufacturers, importers and marketers; and specifies the metrological verification procedure for instruments of this type that are used in activities subject to metrological control.</p> <p>Article 78 of the Colombian Political Constitution provides that "[t]he law shall regulate the quality control of goods and services offered and provided to the community, in addition to the information to be made available to the public when such goods and services are marketed. Those who, when producing and marketing goods and services, jeopardize health, safety and an adequate supply for consumers and users shall be held be responsible in accordance with the law"; Quality requirements</p>
8.	<p><b>Relevant documents:</b> -</p>
9.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 16 June 2023</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 16 June 2023</p>
10.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification</p>

**11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**

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Resolution No. 33187 of June 16 2023 amending the sixth chapter of Title VI of the Single Circular of the Supervisory Authority for Industry and Trade:  
<https://www.sic.gov.co/sites/default/files/normatividad/062023/33187.pdf>  
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