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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: REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization of the Republic of Moldova. MD-2033, Chisinau, 1 Piata Marii Adunari Nationale, Tel. +373 22 250 107, +373 22 250 692 E-mail: secretariat@mded.gov.md www.mded.gov.md 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:
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): FOOTWEAR, GAITERS AND THE LIKE; PARTS OF SUCH ARTICLES (HS code(s): 64)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: The Government Decision No 856/2023 for the approval of the Technical Regulation relating to labelling of the materials used in the main components of footwear for sale to the consumer; (10 page(s), in Romanian)
6. Description of content: The Government Decision for the approval of the Technical Regulation lays down rules to the labelling of the materials used in the main components of footwear for sale to the consumer, information on the composition of footwear shall be conveyed by means of labelling. The labelling shall convey information relating to the three parts of the footwear, namely: the upper; the lining and sock; and the outersole. The composition of the footwear shall be indicated on the basis either of pictograms or of written indications for specific materials.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The Government Decision No.856/2023 for the approval of the Technical Regulation was developed to harmonize national legislation with the European Union legislation. This technical regulation establishes responsibility of the manufacturer or his authorized agent for supplying the label and for the accuracy of the information contained therein. If neither the manufacturer nor his authorized agent, this obligation shall fall on the person responsible for first placing the footwear on the market. The retailer shall remain responsible for ensuring that the footwear sold by him bears the appropriate labelling prescribed by the Technical Regulation.; Consumer information, labelling; Quality requirements; Harmonization; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade

8. Relevant documents:

1. Law no. 420/2006 on technical regulation activity.
2. Analytical Report of the European Commission of the Republic of Moldova's application for membership of the European Union from 01.02.2023. Operational conclusions of the Association Committee in the Trade Configuration of the Republic of Moldova-EU of 20-21 October 2020.
3. Directive 94/11/EC of European Parliament and Council of 23 March 1994 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to labelling of the materials used in the main components of footwear for sale to the consumer.

9. Proposed date of adoption: 8 November 2023**Proposed date of entry into force:** 12 November 2024; 12 months after the publication**10. Final date for comments:** Not Applicable**11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**

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