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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. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Consumer Affairs Division Department of the Treasury Langton Cres PARKES ACT 2600 AUSTRALIA Telephone: +61 2 6263 3961 Fax No: +61 2 6263 2830 Email: safety.policy@treasury.gov.au Website: www.treasury.gov.au 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:
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): Baby walkers (HS: Chapter 96).
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standard) (Baby walkers) Regulations (draft), 1 page, in English.
6. Description of content: Baby walker safety requirements, comprising parts of the US ASTM standard F977-00 specifying requirements for stability, a mechanism to prevent falls down stairs and warning labels.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Baby walkers are associated with a large number of injuries to children, mainly resulting from falls, and the safety standard aims to improve the safety of the product.
8. Relevant documents: US American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Infant Walkers, F 977-00.

9. Proposed date of adoption: March 2002
Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 2002

10. Final date for comments: 31 January 2002

11. 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:

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