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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. Notifying Member:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Health <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>  Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Global Affairs Canada Technical Barriers and Regulations Division 111 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2 Canada Telephone: (343)203-4273 Fax: (613)943-0346 E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquiry@international.gc.ca">enquiry@international.gc.ca</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [X], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Corded Window Coverings (may include Consumer Products (not including food, therapeutics or cosmetics)) (ICS: 97.020, 97.140, 97.190, 97.200)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Corded Window Coverings Regulations (29 pages, in English and French)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The current <i>Corded Window Covering Products Regulations</i> , made under the <i>Canada Consumer Product Safety Act</i> , would be repealed and replaced with the proposed Regulations that specify requirements for construction, performance, labelling and other information, without reference to the national standard.  The proposed Regulations would restrict the length of accessible cords and the size of loops that can be created to help eliminate the risk of strangulation. The proposed Regulations would require that any cord that can be reached must be too short to wrap around a one-year-old child's neck (i.e. not more than 22 cm in length) or form a loop that can be pulled over a one-year-old child's head (i.e. not more than 44 cm in perimeter). Cords that cannot be reached would have to remain unreachable throughout the useful life of the product.  Further to the above-mentioned restrictions, the proposed Regulations would require a warning on the product, packaging, instructions, and on associated advertisements that speak to the hazards and specifications outlined above, with instructions to immediately remove the product should those hazards become present.

<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> The objective of the proposed Regulations is to help eliminate the strangulation hazard and to help reduce the rate of fatal strangulations associated with Corded Window Coverings by specifying requirements for construction, performance, labelling and other information across all market segments.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> <i>Canada Gazette</i> , Part I, 17 June 2017, pages 2626-2654 (available in English and French)
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> Not stated  <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> These Regulations would come into force on the day that, in the sixth month after the month in which they are published in the <i>Canada Gazette</i> , Part II, has the same calendar number as the day on which they are published or, if that sixth month has no day with that number, the last day of that sixth month.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 21 October 2017
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b>  The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at: <a href="http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-06-17/html/reg7-eng.php">http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-06-17/html/reg7-eng.php</a> <a href="http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-06-17/html/reg7-fra.php">http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-06-17/html/reg7-fra.php</a>