

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1. Member to Agreement notifying: MALAYSIA If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Department of Standards Malaysia Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Standards Development Unit, SIRIM Bhd
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): Cylinders for dissolved acetylene
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Cylinders for Dissolved Acetylene – Periodic Inspection and Maintenance (In English)
6. Description of content: This draft Malaysian Standard specifies the minimum requirements for periodic inspection and maintenance to verify the integrity of acetylene cylinders for further service, regardless of the method of manufacture of the shell. It does not exclude the application of additional national requirements. This Malaysian Standard does not specify the requirements for initial approval and requalification of the porous mass and of the shell. This Malaysian Standard does not exempt the filler of an acetylene cylinder from the obligation to carry out an external visual examination prior to each charging and to ensure that cylinders are suitable for refilling with acetylene. Due to the presence of a porous mass in the cylinder, neither a hydraulic pressure test nor visual inspection of the internal surface of the shell is carried out. Additional International Standards cover similar requirements for seamless steel, welded-steel and seamless aluminium cylinders and the inspection and tests to be carried out during normal filling procedures.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Inspection and maintenance
8. Relevant documents:

9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:	} To be decided
10.	Final date for comments: 31 October 1999	
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: WTO Enquiry Point SIRIM Berhad 1 Persiaran Dato' Menteri P.O. Box 7035, Section 2 40911 Shah Alam Malaysia E-mail: isd_resource@sirim.my Fax: 03-556 7114	