

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

### NOTIFICATION

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

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>AUSTRALIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Consumer Affairs Division, Department of the Treasury <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 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> Elastic Luggage Straps (HS: 3296.90 which covers straps that obtain their elasticity from a plastic core and HS 4016.99 which covers straps that obtain their elasticity from a rubber core)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standards) Regulations 1999
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Elastic Luggage Straps are to meet the safety requirement of having a permanently attached and clearly displayed warning label in safety colours.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> The Regulations update the safety Standard that provides warning labelling on the risk of injury, particularly to the face and eyes.
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> Section 65 of the <i>Trade Practices Act 1974</i> . <i>Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standards) Amendment Regulations 1999</i> . The Act and Regulations are available from the SCALE plus website at <a href="http://law.agps.gov.au">http://law.agps.gov.au</a>
<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 31 October 1999 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 30 November 1999 (Note existing requirements remain in force until 31 May 2001)
<b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 24 December 1999
<b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body:</b>  Consumer Affairs Division Department of the Treasury PARKES ACT 2600  Fax No.: +61 2 6263 28.30 Email: <a href="mailto:pwilliams@treasury.gov.au">pwilliams@treasury.gov.au</a>