

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Quality Design Division, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy 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): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tyre for automobile: HS (4011, 10, 4011, 20, 4012, 10, 9010 ...)- Gas lighter: HS (9613 10, 9613 20, 9613 30, 9613 80, 9613 90)- Lawn mower: HS (8479 8 ...)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Enforcement Decree of Quality Management Promotion Act
6. Description of content: Automobile tyres and gas lighters must comply with the safety inspection of the Safety Inspection Agency and must be marked with its approval number before being sold or put into service for trade applications. Lawn mowers do not carry out safety inspection but ensures the safety prescribed in safety inspection criteria and specific points must be described.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To ensure safety and protect consumers.
8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Publication where notice appears, including date and reference number;- proposal and basic documents (with specific reference number or other publication) to which proposal refers: automobile tyres and gas lighters are classified as pre-inspection of safety and must carry out safety inspection before being sold and lawn mowers are classified as post-inspection of safety.- Publication in which proposal will appear when adopted: Applicable from 1 January 2000.- Whenever practicable, give reference to relevant international standard:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- In the case of automobile tyres, EU, US, and Brazil are importing only safety-certified products and safety criteria varies from country to country.- In the case of gas lighters, though safety criteria are different from country to country, the said product must carry out safety control by fixing safety devices.- In the case of lawn-mowers, in the Republic of Korea, safety-related accidents occur frequently and the said product requires safety-related control.
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: 1 April 2000</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments:</p>
<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body:</p>