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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

Member to Agreement notifying: CHINA

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

- If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

 Agency responsible: Standardization Administration of China (SAC)

 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:
- 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): Packaging of dangerous goods transported by railway (ICS: 13.300, 55.020).
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** National Standard of the P.R.C., Safety Code for Inspection of Packaging of Dangerous Goods Transported by Railway (31pages, in Chinese).
- **6. Description of content:** This standard specifies the classification, codes, symbols, requirements, performance inspection and use appraisal for packaging of dangerous goods (excluding military goods) transported by railway.
- **7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** To strengthen the safety of railway transportation for dangerous goods and prevent safety accidents from occurring.
- **8. Relevant documents:** UN recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods model regulation

9. Proposed date of adoption: 90 days after circulation by the WTO

Secretariat

Proposed date of entry into force: 6 months after adoption

10. Final date for comments: 60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat

11. Text 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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