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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>THAILAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), Ministry of Industry <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>
<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> Ceramic tiles (HS: 6907, 6908; ICS: 91.100.23)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Thai Industrial Standard for Ceramic Tiles (TIS 2508-2555) (30 pages, in Thai).
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) has proposed to withdraw TIS 37-2529(1986) Floor tiles, TIS 613-2529(1986) Glazed ceramic tiles for internal walls, TIS 614-2529(1986) ceramic tiles for external walls and replace them with TIS 2508-2555(2012) Ceramic tiles as a mandatory standard. This draft standard covers ceramic tiles are shaped by extruding or pressing. It applies to both glazed and unglazed ceramic tiles and fittings generally used for floor and wall coverings.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Safety and consumer protection
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ISO 13006-1998 Ceramic tiles - Definitions, classification, characteristics and marking.</li><li>- TIS 2398 Ceramic tiles:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Part 2-2553(2010) Determination of dimensions and surface quality;</li><li>b. Part 3-2553(2010) Determination of water absorption, apparent porosity, apparent relative density and bulk density;</li><li>c. Part 4-2553(2010) Determination of modulus of rupture and breaking strength;</li><li>d. Part 6-2553(2010) Determination of resistance to deep abrasion for unglazed tiles;</li></ul></li></ul>

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	<p>e. Part 7-2553(2010) Determination of resistance to surface abrasion for glazed tiles;</p> <p>f. Part 11-2553(2010) Determination of crazing resistance for glazed tiles;</p> <p>g. Part 13-2553(2010) Determination of chemicals resistance;</p> <p>h. Part 14-2553(2010) Determination of resistance to stains.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b></p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b>      }    To be determined</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from the circulation date</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>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:</b></p> <p>Thailand WTO/TBT Enquiry Point and Notification Authority          Thai Industrial Standards Institute          Tel.: (66 2) 202 3504, 202 3523          Fax: (66 2) 202 3511, 354 3041          E-mail: <a href="mailto:thaitbt@tisi.go.th">thaitbt@tisi.go.th</a>  <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/tbt/THA/12_3892_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/tbt/THA/12_3892_00_x.pdf</a></p>