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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

1.	Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Health Canada 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: Canada's SPS & TBT Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada Technical Barriers and Regulations Division (TIB) 111 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2 Canada Telephone: (343)203-4273 Fax: (613) 943-0346 E-mail: enquiry@international.gc.ca
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): Tobacco products (ICS: 65.160)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Notice - Proposed Order to amend the Schedule to the Tobacco Act (1 page, available in English and French) Draft of the proposed order amending the Schedule to the Tobacco Act for public consultation (2 pages, available in English and French).
6.	Description of content: The notice offers interested parties the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed amendments to the Schedule of Prohibited Additives found in the <i>Tobacco Act</i> . These amendments would further restrict the use of additives, including flavouring additives in cigars weighing between 1.4 and 6 grams, cigars with tipping paper and cigars fitted with a wrapper that is not fitted in a spiral form. Menthol would not be prohibited in these products. Furthermore, the use of certain traditional adult flavours, such as port, rum, wine and whisky would be allowed in cigars weighing between 1.4 and 6 grams. The proposal would in effect eliminate the use of flavours in certain categories of cigars that made them more appealing, thereby protecting young persons from inducements to use these products.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health

8.	<p>Relevant documents: <i>Canada Gazette</i>, Part I, 11 October 2014, Pages 2637-2638 (available in English and French)</p> <p>Draft of the proposed order amending the Schedule to the <i>Tobacco Act</i> for public consultation (available in English and French)</p>
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: Final publication of the regulations in the <i>Canada Gazette</i>, Part II is expected for second or third quarter of 2015.</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: The regulations would come into force 6 months following publication in <i>Canada Gazette</i>, Part II.</p>
10.	<p>Final date for comments: 17 January 2015</p>
11.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>The Notice - Proposed Order to amend the Schedule to the Tobacco Act can be found at:</p> <p>http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2014/2014-10-11/pdf/g1-14841.pdf</p> <p>http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2014/2014-10-11/html/notice-avis-eng.php</p> <p>http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2014/2014-10-11/html/notice-avis-fra.php</p>