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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 18 August 2016, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the European Union.

The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that the draft Commission Directive amending, for the purpose of adapting to technical progress, Annex II to Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Safety of Toys has been amended.

The amendments concern the following points:

- A formal aspect was modified. The draft Commission Directive notified in September 2014 has been converted to a proposal for a Council Directive amending, for the purpose of adapting to technical progress, Annex II to Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the safety of toys, as regards lead.
- The limit values are identical to those in notification G/TBT/N/EU/243 of 25 September 2014. One important element of setting the limit values had to be confirmed by an appropriate independent scientific opinion, which took some time.
- The entry into force is postponed to the 3rd quarter of 2018 taking into account the delay in the adoption of the text which is expected in the 1st quarter of 2017.

The text of the proposed Council Directive is available on the EU-TBT website: <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/>

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/EEC/16_3388_00_e.pdf
