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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>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) 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: 93, Isu-ro, Maengdong-myeon Eumseong-gun Chungcheongbuk-do, 369-811 Republic of Korea Tel.: (+82) 43 870 5448 Fax: (+82) 43 870 5440 E-mail: tbt@korea.kr Website: http://www.kats.go.kr
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): Electrical appliances and industrial products
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft of Amendment of Electrical Appliances Safety Control Act, and Quality Management and Safety Control of Industrial Products Act (62 pages, in Korean)
6.	Description of content: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In order to effectively operate the safety system, the two Acts 'Electrical Appliances Safety Control Act' and 'Quality Management and Safety Control of Industrial Products Act' will be combined into one Act and named 'Electrical Appliances and Industrial Products Safety Control Act'.• With the aim of improving the product safety management:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Penalties for any changes made in products certified with the safety certification without notifying a certification body will be stricken;• Building owner, portal site provider, builder, and business manager will be included into the list of users responsible for certification;• The certification will be cancelled if products subject to the safety confirmation are illegal or defected;• Electric appliances subject to SDoC shall be reported to the relevant authority.• With intention of reducing the burden on industry / businesses, regulations for factory inspection and certification will be amended.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To allow importers and manufacturers of the small amount of products to get products certified with a safety certification without having factory inspections;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To allow OEM to apply for the safety certification; • To reduce the factory inspections from once per year to every two years; • To abolish the expiration period of five years for the safely confirmation.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: KATS Public Notice No. 2014-639 (18 December 2014)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 July 2016 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 2016
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from date of notification
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>93, Isu-ro, Maengdong-myeon Eumseong-gun Chungcheongbuk-do, 369-811 Republic of Korea Tel.: (+82) 43 870 5525 Fax: (+82) 43 870 5682 E-mail: tbt@kats.go.kr Website: http://www.knowtbt.kr https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/TBT/KOR/14_5611_00_x.pdf</p>