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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: Natural Resources 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:

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- 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): Energy efficiency standards for consumer and commercial products (27.080; 29.140; 29.160.30; 29.200; 33.160.25; 91.160.10; 91.140.30; 91.140.65; 97.040.20; 97.040.30; 97.040.40; 97.060; 97.100.20; 97.130.20)
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Energy Efficiency Regulations, 2016 (232 pages, available in English and French)
- **6. Description of content:** The *Energy Efficiency Regulations* (the Regulations) prescribe minimum energy performance standards (MEPS) for certain consumer and commercial energy-using products. They also prescribe labelling requirements for certain products to disclose and compare the energy use of a given product model relative to others in their category. The Regulations have been amended regularly to introduce MEPS for new products and update existing MEPS.

The Energy Efficiency Regulations, 2016 (proposed Regulations), would:

- a) increase the stringency of MEPS for 20 currently regulated product categories to align with those of the United States
- b) make minor changes to standards or reporting requirements for 8 currentlyregulated product categories, and
- c) repeal and replace the Regulations to remove references to obsolete and out of date standards and improve the organization of the regulatory text, making it easier for stakeholders to find and understand the requirements that apply to them

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The Government of Canada has committed to improving energy efficiency standards for consumer and commercial products and encouraging energy conservation.

The goals of the proposed Regulations are to:

- Improve MEPS across 20 product categories;
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption associated with using those products; and
- Eliminate unnecessary regulatory differences between Canadian and U.S. regulations across those categories.
- **8. Relevant documents:** *Canada Gazette*, Part I, April 30, 2016, pages 1168 to 1400 (available in English and French)
- **9. Proposed date of adoption:** Normally within 12 months of publication in the Canada Gazette, Part I

Proposed date of entry into force: These Regulations come into force six months after the day on which they are published in the Canada Gazette, Part II

- 10. Final date for comments: 8 August 2016
- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

The electronic version of the proposed amendments can be downloaded at:

http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2016/2016-04-30/pdf/g1-15018.pdf

http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2016/2016-04-30/html/index-eng.php

http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2016/2016-04-30/html/index-fra.php