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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:** Department of Transport

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): Dangerous Goods (ICS:13.300)
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Regulations Amending the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations (International Harmonization Update, 2016) (95 pages, available in English and French).
- 6. **Description of content:** This amendment has several objectives. The first is to har-monize the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations* (TDGR) with international regulatory require-ments by updating the TDGR to incorporate changes introduced in the 19th edition of the UN Recommenda-tions, the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) 2014 and the 2015?2016 International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Tech-nical Instructions with respect to safety marks, classifica-tion information, shipping names, special provisions and marine pollutants.

The second objective is to introduce ambulatory references (also known as dynamic references) for the inter-national codes incorporated in the TDGR. Canadian stakeholders would be required to use the most recent versions of the UN Recommendations, the IMDG Code, the ICAO Technical Instructions and the Supplement to the ICAO Technical Instructions as well as the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria (MOTC) and 14 technical standards.

Another objective of this proposal is to reduce regulatory barriers to cross-border trade with the United States by formally recognizing aspects of the United States regula-tory regime and by increasing reciprocity of regulatory requirements for pressure receptacles and approvals between Canada and the United States by aligning national standards and

regulations.

This proposal would also eliminate the need to obtain an equivalency certificate in order to transport hot air bal-loon cylinders of propane by road, rail or ship.

- **7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human safety
- **8. Relevant documents:** *Canada Gazette*, Part I, 26 November 2016, pages 3664-3758 (available in English and French)
- 9. Proposed date of adoption: Six (6) months of publication in the Canadian Gazette, Part I.
  Proposed date of entry into force: These Regulations come into force on the day on which they are published in the Canada Gazette, Part II.

Transitional provision: A person may, for a six month period that begins on the day on which these Regulations come into force, comply with the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations as they read immediately before that day.

- **10. Final date for comments:** 5 March 2017
- 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 regulatory text can be downloaded at:

http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2016/2016-11-26/html/reg3-eng.php http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2016/2016-11-26/html/reg3-fra.php