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**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade** 

# NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

# 1. Notifying Member: COLOMBIA

If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible: Ministerio de Salud y Protección Social (Ministry of Health and Social Welfare), Ministerio de Trabajo (Ministry of Labour), Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism), and Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible. (Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development)

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:

Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism)

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], other: Transparency
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Chemicals (28.00.00)
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** *Proyecto de Decreto "Por el cual se reglamenta la gestión integral de las sustancias químicas de uso industrial y se toman otras determinaciones"* (Draft Decree regulating the integral management of chemical substances for industrial use and containing other determinations) (16 pages, in Spanish)
- **6. Description of content:** Its articles cover the following:

Purpose; Scope; Definitions; Instruments for the management of chemical substances for industrial use; Register of chemical substances for industrial use; Obligation to conduct environmental and health risk assessments; Obligation to implement environmental and health risk reduction and management programmes; Environmental risk assessment; Health risk reduction and management programme; Environmental monitoring of chemical substances for industrial use; Monitoring of the effects on health of the utilization of chemical substances for industrial use, Article 15. Intersectoral Follow-up Committee for the Management of Chemical Substances for Industrial Use (CISQUIN); Composition of CISQUIN; Functions of CISQUIN; Obligations of importers and manufacturers; Obligations of the marketers and distributors; Obligations of transporters; Obligations of users; Reliable data available; Mutual acceptance of data; Right to use information; Nonconfidential information; Exchange of confidential information; Inspection, monitoring and control; and Period of validity.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To protect human health and the environment.

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- 8. **Relevant documents:** Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) of the United Nations, sixth edition revised and published in 2015 (or the edition referred to in Colombia's legislation)
- 9. Proposed date of adoption: Date of publication in the Official Journal.

Proposed date of entry into force: Upon publication in the Official Journal.

## 10. Final date for comments: 22 July 2018

# **11.** Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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