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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.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>ARGENTINA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Agency responsible:</b> <i>Secretaría de Gobierno de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sustentable</i> (Secretariat for the Environment and Sustainable Development) <b>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:</b> Enquiry point (see section 11)
<b>3.</b>	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Alkali or alkaline-earth metals; rare-earth metals, scandium and yttrium, whether or not intermixed or interalloyed; mercury (HS 2805)
<b>5.</b>	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> <i>Prohibición de determinados productos con contenido de mercurio</i> (Ban on certain products containing mercury) (5 pages, in Spanish)
<b>6.</b>	<b>Description of content:</b> From 1 January 2020, the manufacture, importation and exportation of certain mercury-added products will be prohibited so as to comply with the Minamata Convention on Mercury.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of human health or safety; Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment
<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Ley 27356 que aprueba el Convenio de Minamata sobre el Mercurio</i></li> <li><a href="http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/270000-274999/274800/norma.htm">http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/270000-274999/274800/norma.htm</a></li> </ul>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 13 February 2019 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 23 February 2019; 8 days from 15 February 2019
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> Not applicable

**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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