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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 22 December 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Australia.

Title: Australian mandatory safety and information standards - requirements for consumer goods containing button and coin cell batteries and button and coin cell batteries themselves.

| Reason for Addendum: | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Notified measure adopted - date: 21 December 2020 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Notified measure published - date: 21 December 2020 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Notified measure enters into force - date: 22 June 2022 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Text of final measure available from ¹ : https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L01656 https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L01657 https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L01658 https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L01659 Four new mandatory standards have been introduced: Consumer Goods (Products Containing Button/Coin Batteries) Safety Standard 2020 Consumer Goods (Products Containing Button/Coin Batteries) Information Standard 2020 Consumer Goods (Button/Coin Batteries) Safety Standard 2020 Consumer Goods (Button/Coin Batteries) Information Standard 2020 |
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¹ This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

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| [X] | <p>Other: https://ministers.treasury.gov.au/ministers/michael-sukkar-2019/media-releases/mandatory-improvement-button-battery-safety-save-lives https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/accc-welcomes-safety-and-information-standards-for-button-batteries</p> <p>Please see the media releases issued on 21 December by the Assistant Treasurer and the ACCC.</p> |
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Description: The new standards take effect on 22 December 2020 and an 18-month transition period applies from this date. Suppliers have until June 2022 to comply with the new requirements. The ACCC will make guidance material about the standards available in 2021 to make it easy for all businesses to understand their obligations and for consumers to know what they can expect when buying button battery products.

For further information please see the Product Safety Australia website: <https://www.productsafety.gov.au/standards/button-coin-batteries>.
