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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

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| 1. Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2): |
| 2. Agency responsible: Department of Health 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: Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Technical Barriers and Regulations Division Global Affairs Canada 111 Sussex Drive Ottawa (Ontario) K1A 0G2 Canada Telephone: (343)203-4273 Fax: (613)943-0346 E-mail: enquiry@international.gc.ca |
| 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): Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare- earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes (HS 28); Organic chemicals (HS 29); ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY (ICS 13), CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY (ICS 71) |
| 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Regulations Amending the Hazardous Products Regulations (GHS, Seventh Revised Edition), (63 pages, available in English and French) and Order Amending Schedule 2 to the Hazardous Products Act (2 pages, available in English and French). |
| 6. Description of content: The Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), developed by the United Nations, is designed to standardize hazard classification and communication, such as labelling, for hazardous chemicals across various countries. A revised edition of the GHS is published every 2 years. Canada implemented the 5 th revised edition of the GHS as the <i>Hazardous Products Regulations</i> on 11 February 2015. Under the authority of the <i>Hazardous Products Act</i> , Canada is proposing to amend the <i>Hazardous Products Regulations</i> to align with the 7 th revised edition of the GHS to the extent possible (which includes adopting the changes made in the 6 th and 7 th revised editions), provide greater clarity or additional precision to specific provisions, amend specific provisions to better reflect their original intent, and address administrative updates. As a result of the proposed amendments to align the <i>Hazardous Products Regulations</i> with the 7 th revised edition of the GHS to the extent possible, the <i>Hazardous Products Act</i> |

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| <p>requires amendments to Schedule 2, which lists the Physical Hazard Classes and Health Hazard Classes under the <i>Hazardous Products Regulations</i>.</p> <p>The proposed Schedule and regulatory amendments would support the Government of Canada in facilitating international trade through common labelling and other hazard communication requirements for workplace hazardous products; lowering costs for businesses and consumers by reducing the need for re-testing and re-classifying chemicals from, or for, different markets, as well as by reducing the need for preparing multiple sets of labels and safety data sheets for different markets; and increasing worker protection through adoption of a revised version of the globally recognized standard for communicating the hazards associated with workplace hazardous products.</p> |
| <p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety</p> |
| <p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Canada Gazette</i>, Part 1, 19 December 2020, pages 4236-4301 (available in English and French) • The <i>Hazardous Products Regulations</i> https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/sor-2015-17/index.html • The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), seventh revised edition https://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs_rev07/07files_e.html |
| <p>9. Proposed date of adoption: Within 12 to 18 months of publication in the <i>Canada Gazette</i>, Part I.</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: It is anticipated that a transition period of two years would begin on the date when the proposed amendments come into force. During the transition period, both the <i>Hazardous Products Regulations</i> (currently aligned with the 5th revised edition of the GHS) and the amendments aligning the <i>Hazardous Products Regulations</i> with the 7th revised edition of the GHS would be in use. At the end of the transition period, only the amended <i>Hazardous Products Regulations</i> aligned with the 7th revised edition of the GHS would be in use.</p> |
| <p>10. Final date for comments: 27 February 2021</p> |
| <p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>The electronic version of the proposed regulatory text can be downloaded at:</p> <p>http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2020/2020-12-19/html/reg4-eng.html http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2020/2020-12-19/html/reg4-fra.html http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2020/2020-12-19/html/reg5-eng.html http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2020/2020-12-19/html/reg5-fra.html</p> |