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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. Notifying Member:</b> <u>BELIZE</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Belize Bureau of Standards  <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>  Power Lane P.O. Box 430 City of Belmopan, Cayo District Belize, C.A. Telephone: +1 (501) 822-0446; Fax: +1 (501) 822-2571 Email: <a href="mailto:tbtenquiry-belize@bbs.gov.bz">tbtenquiry-belize@bbs.gov.bz</a> or <a href="mailto:bbs@btl.net">bbs@btl.net</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [X], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Prohibited products – applies to single use plastic products only, with the intention to transition these to environmentally friendly alternatives (i.e. biodegradable and compostable products); HS Code 3923.90.90.00 for styrofoam clamshells, styrofoam food containers, styrofoam soup containers, styrofoam plates, styrofoam cups and lids; HS Code 3923.21.00.00 and 3923.29.00.00 for plastic carrier bags commonly referred to as shopping bags and/or T-shirt bags; HS Code 3924.10.10.00 for plastic and styrofoam single-use disposable food containers, cutlery and eating utensils; plastic forks, knives, spoons, sporks etc.; plastic plates; plastic bowls; plastic cups and plastic tumblers; HS Code 3924.10.20.00 for single-use disposable drinking straws.
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Final Draft Belize Standard Specification for Biodegradable Products – Specification and Labelling (13 page(s), in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This standard was developed to address specification and labelling of biodegradable products imported, distributed, manufactured or sold in Belize. It is intended to be established as a mandatory standard to support the enforcement of the Regulation primarily through the implementation of recognized independent third-party certifications and test results. This standard specifies minimum requirements, test methods and labelling of commercially biodegradable, commercially compostable, anaerobically biodegradable or environmentally biodegradable (soil, water, landfill, etc.) plastics manufactured in or imported into Belize.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of the environment

<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> <a href="https://bbs.gov.bz/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/FDBZS-32-2021_Biodegradable-Products-Specification-Labelling.pdf">https://bbs.gov.bz/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/FDBZS-32-2021_Biodegradable-Products-Specification-Labelling.pdf</a>
<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 03 May 2021 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 01 June 2021
<b>10. Final date for comments:</b> -
<b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b>  Belize Bureau of Standards Power Lane P.O. Box 430 City of Belmopan , Cayo District Belize, C.A. Telephone: +1 (501) 822-0446; Fax: +1 (501) 822-2571 Email: <a href="mailto:tbtenquiry-belize@bbs.gov.bz">tbtenquiry-belize@bbs.gov.bz</a> or <a href="mailto:bbs@btl.net">bbs@btl.net</a>  <a href="https://bbs.gov.bz/standards-for-comments/">https://bbs.gov.bz/standards-for-comments/</a> <a href="https://doe.gov.bz/single-use-plastics/">https://doe.gov.bz/single-use-plastics/</a>