

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

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| 1. | Party to Agreement notifying: <u>MEXICO</u> |
| 2. | Agency responsible: Ministry of Health |
| 3. | Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other: |
| 4. | Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Toys and school articles |
| 5. | Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Mexican Official Standard NOM-007-SSA1-1993, Environmental Health, Safety of Toys and School Articles - Bio-Availability Limits for Metals in Articles Coated with Paints and Inks - Chemical Specifications and Testing Methods |
| 6. | Description of content: This Standard establishes the specifications and testing methods for determining the availability of the elements antimony (Sb), arsenic (As), barium (Ba), cadmium (Cd), chromium (Cr), lead (Pb), mercury (Hg) and selenium (Se) in the material of toys, school writing instruments, and children's paints and molding clays. |
| 7. | Objective and rationale: Protection of health |
| 8. | Relevant documents: Diario Oficial de la Federación (Official Journal) of 12 November 1993 |
| 9. | Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: February 1994 |
| 10. | Final date for comments: 31 January 1994 |
| 11. | Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: |