## **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.

Party to Agreement notifying: HONG KONG 1. 2. Agency responsible: Electrical and Mechanical Services Department 3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [X], 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): Household electrical products (falling within HS Heading No.: 8508-8510, 8513, 8516-8521, 8528, 8529, 8531, 8535, 8536, 8539, 8540 and 8544) 5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Electrical Products (Safety) Regulations (41 pages) 6. Description of content: The proposed regulations will prescribe safety requirements for electrical products intended for household use in Hong Kong (the safety requirements will be based on the Low Voltage Directives adopted in the European Community, IEC Standards, British Standards and other well established national and international standards) and require suppliers to ensure that their products comply with the prescribed safety requirements and have been issued with "certificates of safety compliance". The bodies that may issue these certificates will be, depending on the types of products, the manufacturers of the products and/or certification bodies meeting the requirements to be stipulated in the regulations. 7. Objective and rationale: To enhance public safety in the use of household electrical products 8. Relevant documents: Electricity Ordinance. The proposed regulations will be made under this Ordinance. 9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Enactment: early 1995 Entry into force: 12 months later

10. Final date for comments: 30 April 1994

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