NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 4 February 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Australia.

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The *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2005* (the WELS Act) establishes the Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) scheme, which applies national water efficiency labelling and minimum performance standards for prescribed water-use products or water-saving products. The WELS Act and Scheme was notified in 2011 under G/TBT/N/AUS/68. This addendum is provided to inform Members of updated details of the WELS Scheme.

The WELS Determination was amended by the *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Amendment (WELS Standard) Determination 2016* (WELS Amendment Determination) to incorporate by reference a new standard: Australia/ New Zealand Standard 6400: 2016 (AS/NZS 6400:2016).

AS/NZS 6400: 2016 forms a basis for the rating and labelling of a range of products under the mandatory Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) scheme, as required by the WELS Act. The standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee and supersedes AS/NZS 6400:2005. The standard was updated to reflect changes to the WELS Act and to remove ambiguities as well as superseded and conflicting requirements.

The main amendments to this Standard include:

1. The Standard has been organised into 10 sections - Sections 1 and 2 contain requirements that apply to all WELS products and Sections 3 to 10 contain requirements for each product type.
2. Instructions for labelling have been streamlined and the WELS label design has been simplified.
3. Permission of registration of 4 star showers that meet the extra performance test requirements for low flow showers.

The WELS Amendment Determination commenced on 18 August 2016.

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2016C00901>

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