NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Oman **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Commerce & IndustryDirectorate General for Specifications & MeasurementsP.O. Box: 550, Postal Code: 113Tel.: + (968) 2481 3832Fax: + (968) 2471 5992E-mail: nepic@moci.gov.om Website: http://www.mocioman.gov.om **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:**  |
| **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):** Polyethylene Reusable Shopping Bags |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Ministerial decree obligating the Omani standard "Polyethylene Reusable Shopping Bags" (8 page(s), in Arabic; 7 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Ministerial decree obligating the Omani standard "Polyethylene Reusable Shopping Bags" and prohibiting the exporting of polyethylene bags with thickness less than 50 micrometres or any kind of single use plastic bags. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of environment and human health or safety; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** * GSO ISO 14024 "Environmental labels and declarations - Type I environmental labelling - Principles and procedures"
* GSO 572 "Polyethylene Bags for Multi-purposes"

The standards are available for sale through the following website:http://www.gso.org.sa/dgsmstd |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** September 2020**Proposed date of entry into force:** March 2021 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** National Enquiry Point and Information Centre (NEPIC)P.O. Box: 550Postal code: 113 MuscatSultanate of OmanTel.: + (968) 2481 7252Fax: + (968) 2481 7040Email: nepic@moci.gov.om / nepicbusiness1@gmail.comAnd can be downloaded from:<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/OMN/20_3688_00_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/OMN/20_3688_00_x.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/OMN/20_3688_01_x.pdf> |