NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Colombia**If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo/Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible* (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism/Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development)**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:** *Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo* (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism) |
| **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):** Zinc-carbon and alkaline cells and batteries (HS tariff subheadings 8506.10.11.00, 8506.10.19.00, 8506.10.91.10, 8506.10.91.90 and 8506.10.99.00) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** *Proyecto de Resolución del Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo y del Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible "Por la cual se expide el Reglamento Técnico para Pilas Zinc-Carbón y Alcalinas que se importen o fabriquen nacionalmente para su comercialización en Colombia"* (Draft Resolution of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism and the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development "Issuing the Technical Regulation applicable to zinc-carbon and alkaline cells and batteries imported into or manufactured in Colombia for marketing in the country") (13 pages, in Spanish)  |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified draft Resolution sets out the minimum information requirements applicable to zinc-carbon and alkaline cell and battery labels and markings and establishes the maximum permitted levels for the heavy metals in such products. It covers the following: Purpose; Scope; Exemptions; Exclusions; Definitions and acronyms; General requirements; Specific requirements; Technical requirements; Conformity assessment procedure; Document demonstrating conformity; Samples; Concept of equivalence; Monitoring and inspection bodies; Penalty system; Prohibitions; Registration of manufacturers and importers; Review and updating; Notification; Period of validity; and Derogations. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Prevention of practices liable to mislead consumers and environmental protection  |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Law(*Ley*) No. 1480 of 12 October 2011, *Estatuto del Consumidor* (Consumer Protection Statute); Decree(*Decreto*) No. 4886 of 23 December 2011; Decree No. 1074 of 26 May 2015, *Decreto Único del Sector Comercio, Industria y Turismo* (Single Decree regulating the industry and tourism sector); Decree No. 1595 of 5 August 2015; Resolution (*Resolución*) No. 1297 of 8 July 2010 of the Ministry of the Environment, Housing and Regional Development; Resolution No. 0172 of 23 January 2012 of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism and the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development, notified in document G/TBT/N/COL/115/Add.2; International Electrotechnical Commission Standards Nos. IEC 60086-1:2007 and IEC 60086-2:2007; and Colombian Technical Standards (*Normas Técnicas Colombianas*) Nos. NTC/ISO/IEC 17067, NTC 5769 of 16 June 2010, and NTC 1152, *Baterías primarias (Pilas eléctricas)* (Primary cells and batteries), ninth revision of 19 July 2017.  |
| **9.** |  **Proposed date of adoption:** Date of publication in the Official Journal **Proposed date of entry into force:** Nine months after the date of publication in the Official Journal |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 12 December 2017 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** Enquiry Point: Contact person: Daniel Héctor Rico R.Email: drico@mincit.gov.co/mgonzalezs@mincit.gov.coTel.: (+57-1) 606-7676, Ext. 1690 / 1340Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y TurismoDirección de RegulaciónCalle 28 N° 13A - 15Bogotá, D.C. ColombiaTel.: (+57-1) 606-7676Email: jbeltran@mincit.gov.co Website: <http://www.mincit.gov.co/publicaciones.php?id=33051>Also available at:<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/COL/17_4002_00_s.pdf> |