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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) 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: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Email: tbt.enquiry@dfat.gov.au
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): Projectile toys – a projectile toy is a product that is designed or clearly intended for use in play by a child under 14 years of age that is capable of launching a projectile. The safety standard captures two types of projectile toys: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• projectile toys with stored energy, where the projectile is propelled by means of a discharge mechanism capable of storing and releasing energy such as toy 'nerf' guns and spring-loaded devices.• projectile toys without stored energy where the projectile is discharged by the energy imparted by the user, such as a bow and arrow set. The safety standard does not apply to toys that are designed to fly, such as remote control helicopters or aeroplanes. TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTS REQUISITES; PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (HS 95)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Review of the mandatory safety standard for Projectile Toys – Consultation paper (4 pages). (11 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: The purpose of the safety standard is to prevent serious injury or death including serious facial and eye injuries, and choking when children are playing with projectile toys. The safety standard for projectile toys references certain sections of the following voluntary standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian/New Zealand Standard (AS/NZS ISO 8124.1:2019 <i>Safety of toys Part 1: Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical properties</i>)• International Standard (ISO 8124-1:2018 <i>Safety of toys—Part 1: Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical properties</i>)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Standard (<i>EN 71-1:2014 + A1:2018: Safety of toys—Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties</i>). • American Standard (<i>ASTM F963-17 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy Safety</i>) <p>The safety standard provides suppliers with the option to comply with certain requirements of any of the above listed standards.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The voluntary Australian standard and voluntary International standard listed above have recently been updated to provide clarification in test procedures and other minor amendments for projectile toys. The ACCC proposes to update the safety standard to refer to the following amended voluntary standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS/NZS ISO 8124.1:2019 + A1:2020 + A2:2020 Safety of toys Part 1: Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical properties (the updated voluntary Australian standard). • ISO 8124-1:2018 + A1:2020 + A2:2020 Safety of toys—Part 1: Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical properties (the updated voluntary International standard). <p>Aligning the standards is consistent with regulatory best practice and ensures consistency in complying with the safety standard; Protection of human health or safety; Harmonization</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation paper – Review of the mandatory safety standard for Projectile toys • Current safety standard - Projectile toys mandatory standard • Explanatory statement - Projectile toys explanatory statement • Product Safety Australia page - Product safety Australia - Projectile toys
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: The proposed safety standard would be adopted the day after it is registered.</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: 6 months from adoption</p> <p>The proposed safety standard would provide a transitional period (usually 12 months) to allow suppliers to move to the new requirements. During the transitional period suppliers may choose to comply with the new standard or the requirements set out in the current safety standard</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification</p>

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Email: tbt.enquiry@dfat.gov.au

<https://consultation.accc.gov.au/product-safety/mandatory-safety-standard-for-projectile-toys/>

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