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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>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: European Commission 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: European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): Electrical and electronic equipment
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Commission Implementing Regulation establishing the format for registration and reporting of producers of electrical and electronic equipment and the frequency of reporting to the register (and its accompanying annex) (4 pages + Annex 13 pages, in English)
6. Description of content: The draft Commission Implementing Regulation establishes a common format for registration and reporting of producers of electrical and electronic equipment and a common frequency of reporting to the register.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Harmonisation of rules and procedures applied at Member State level. The Directive 2012/19/EU on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) provides for Member States to draw up a register for producers of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE), including producers supplying EEE by means of distance communication. Member States shall ensure that each producer, or each authorised representative, is registered and report to the register. The WEEE Directive does not include a format for registration and reporting and does not set a common frequency of reporting. This means that each Member State has established a process for registration and reporting and a frequency of reporting. This situation may cause administrative burdens especially to producers supplying EEE by means of distance communication in different Member States as well as to producers that place EEE on the market of different Member States and have to be registered and report to each Member State using different formats, and in different frequency. The objective of the proposal is to ensure uniform conditions for producers' registration and reporting. Harmonisation of registration and reporting formats and of the frequency of reporting is addressed in the draft Implementing Regulation.

8. Relevant documents:

- Scientific background study on harmonisation of the format for registration and reporting of producers of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) to the national register and on the frequency of reporting http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/weee/pdf/Study%20on%20Registration%20and%20Reporting_Final%20report.pdf
- Directive 2012/19/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE). <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32012L0019>

9. Proposed date of adoption: June 2018

Proposed date of entry into force: 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU (The provisions shall apply from 1 January 2019 according to the proposed implementing regulation)

10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification**11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**

European Commission,
EU-TBT Enquiry Point,
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The text is available on the EU-TBT Website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/>

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_0785_00_e.pdf

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_0785_01_e.pdf