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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 [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): Short-range devices
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Commission Implementing Decision on the harmonisation of radio spectrum for use by short range devices within the 874-876 and 915-921 MHz frequency bands (and its accompanying annex) (6 pages + Annex 8 pages, in English)
6. Description of content: This draft Commission Implementing Decision requires Member States to designate and make available on a non-exclusive, non-interference and non-protected basis the frequency bands for the types of short-range devices, subject to the specific conditions and by the implementation deadline, as laid down in the technical annex.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: This draft Implementing Decision is linked to the existing Short-Range Devices (SRDs) Decision (the SRD Decision – Decision 2006/771/EC as last amended by Decision 2017/1483/EU). It makes available harmonised frequency bands for use by SRDs in the 874-876 and 915-921 MHz frequency ranges to enable next-generation RFID applications and networked IoT applications based on networked SRDs. Since the regulatory environment in these frequency ranges is different in order to protect existing spectrum users, a separate Decision has been created.

8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short-Range Devices Decision (the SRD Decision – Decision 2006/771/EC as amended by Decision 2017/1483/EU)• http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017D1483&from=EN
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