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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>ISRAEL</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Israel WTO-TBT Enquiry Point 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: Israel WTO-TBT Enquiry Point Ministry of Economy and Industry Tel: + (972) 3 7347501 E-mail: Yael.Friedgut@economy.gov.il
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): Textile carpets (HS: 57). (ICS: 13.220.40, 59.080.60).
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: SI 636 - Textile carpets. (13 page(s), in Hebrew)
6. Description of content: Revision of the partially Mandatory Standards SI 636, SI 636 part 1 and SI 636 part 2, dealing with textile carpets, to be replaced with SI 636. The major differences between the old version and this new revised draft standard are as follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduces the information required to be provided in order for evaluating the product quality;• Changes paragraph 1.4 dealing with classification, including the removal of the sub-paragraph dealing with carpets designed for bathrooms;• Changes the wear resistance requirements for fit the requirements of the new test method. After the entry into force of this revision, only the following requirements will be mandatory: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paragraph 2.2.1 - Requires to add to the label the names and addresses of the manufacturer and the importer;• Paragraph 2.2.5 - Requires to add to the label the cleaning instruction (washing and drying) and warning "keep away from fire";• Paragraph 2.2.7 - Requires to indicate on the label if the carpet includes/does not include fire retardants;• Paragraph 3.2.4 - All flammability requirements relating to wall-to-wall carpets (type 1.4.2.1).

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information, labelling; Protection of human health or safety
8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Israel Mandatory Standard SI 636 (September 1981) and its 8 amendments;• Israel Mandatory Standard SI 636 part 1 (April 1983) and its 3 amendments;• Israel Mandatory Standard SI 636 part 2 (June 1988) and its 2 amendments.
9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: Generally 60 days after publication in Israel Official Gazette, Section of Government Notices
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: http://www.economy.gov.il/standartization/WTO_TBT/ISR_Text/SI636_Aug16.pdf