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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>HONG KONG, CHINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Water Supplies Department The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region 48/F., Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai Hong Kong Tel.: (+852) 2829 5867 Fax: (+852) 2802 2579 Email: wels_consultation@wsd.gov.hk 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:
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): Water Closets (HS: 3922 9000)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: The Hong Kong Voluntary Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme on Water Closets (40 pages, including annexes in English) (40 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: Hong Kong, China will introduce a voluntary water efficiency labelling scheme on water closets. Manufacturers, importers or other related parties in the water closet business can apply for registration of their water closets under the scheme. Water closets complying with the performance requirements will be registered under the scheme and will be rated to different water efficiency grades according to their water consumption level. Registered water closets will be allowed to affix water efficiency labels of specified format to them showing their water efficiency grades and water consumption level.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: (a) To provide consumers with information on the levels of water consumption and efficiency ratings of water closets; (b) To facilitate consumers to select water efficient water closets; (c) To promote public awareness on water conservation and efficiency issues; and (d) To achieve actual water savings.
8. Relevant documents: Nil

9. Proposed date of adoption: 90 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
Proposed date of entry into force: 90 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat

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:

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