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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 Government Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism GPO Box 1564 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Tel: +61 2 6276 1000 E-mail: ret@ret.gov.au 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: TBT Enquiry Point Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Tel: +61 2 6261 1202 E-mail: 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): Rotary Clothes Dryer (Goods as defined in (a) and (b) HS Codes 8451.2. Goods defined in (c) HS 8450; ICS 97.06).
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Rotary Clothes Dryers) Determination 2012 (11 pages, in English)
6. Description of content: Note: This Determination is for a product that was previously regulated by the states and territories as part of the Equipment Energy Efficiency (E3) Program. This Determination simply transitions existing requirements from state and territory legislation to nationally-consistent legislation. No new products have been regulated in this process, nor have new requirements been imposed or new test standards adopted. Under the <i>Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (GEMS) Act 2012</i> , the Australian Government can set mandatory minimum efficiency performance standards (MEPS) and energy rating label (ERL) requirements for electrical equipment and appliance products. These requirements are set out in legislative instruments called GEMS determinations. Technical requirements for MEPS and ERLs are set out in the relevant Australian Standards, which are published by Standards Australia.

<p>Under the GEMS Act, if a product is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - covered by a GEMS determination; - manufactured in or imported into Australia; and - made available for sale on or after the date that the relevant GEMS Determination enters into force, <p>then this product must meet the requirements set out in the relevant determination.</p> <p>The <i>Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Rotary Clothes Dryer) Determination 2012</i> establishes minimum energy efficiency and product performance requirements and associated requirements for conducting tests, for rotary clothes dryers.</p> <p>Standards for rotary clothes dryers called up in the Determination are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 2442.1:1996 <i>Performance of household electrical appliances - Rotary clothes dryers - Part 1: Energy consumption and performance</i> - Joint Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 2442.2:2000 <i>Performance of household electrical appliances – Rotary clothes dryers – Part 2: Energy labelling requirements</i>
<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The objectives of the GEMS Act are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - drive greater energy efficiency for regulated products; and - ensure that consumers can make informed choices to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy consumption, energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions. <p>The legislation also gives effect to commitments made under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents: The relevant Standards are available from Standards Australia at:</p> <p>http://infostore.saiglobal.com/store2/Details.aspx?ProductID=365572</p> <p>http://infostore.saiglobal.com/store2/Details.aspx?ProductID=365599</p>
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: 1 October 2012</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: 1 October 2012</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 60 days from date of notification</p>
<p>11. Text available from: National enquiry point [X], or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: The text of the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Act 2012 can be found at:</p> <p>http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2012A00132</p> <p>The Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Rotary Clothes Dryer) Determination 2012 can be found at:</p> <p>http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2012L02121</p>