



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 Tel.: + (972) 3 7347502 Fax: + (972) 3 7347626 E-mail: Yael.Friedgut@economy.gov.il
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 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): All products subject to mandatory standards
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Standards Law 5713-1953 (23 pages, in Hebrew).
6. Description of content: 10th amendment to Israel Standards Law 5713-1953 published in Israel Official Gazette no. 2410 on 31 October 2013. This amendment is introduced in order to reduce the financial burden placed on the public, by encouraging competition, mainly in domestic and imported consumer goods, reducing bureaucracy and improving the free flow of goods to the markets of Israel. It offers the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Adds new definitions (paragraph 1);- Increases the adoption of international standards and determines that any revision introduced into an adopted international standard should be followed with an immediate revision of the relevant Israel standard (paragraphs 2 through 15);- Increases market surveillance and enforcement abilities and responsibilities of the regulator performed on products that are subject to mandatory standards (paragraphs 16 through 22);- Updates Israel import policy for products subject to mandatory standards and liberalizes the free flow of goods (paragraphs 23 through 31).
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety.
8. Relevant documents: Israel Standards Law 5713-1953 and its 9 previous amendments

9. Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:	Published on 31 October 2013 1 May 2014 entry into force of paragraphs 9, 10a, 10b, 10c and chapter I of the main law (detailed in paragraphs 8, 11 and 16 of this amendment). This date may be postponed for up to 6 months, given the consent of the Ministers of Economy and of Finance, if the enforcement system has not entered into effect. All other paragraphs entered into force on 1 January 2014
10. Final date for comments: 60 days from date of notification	
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 10th Amendment to the Standards Law: http://www2.moital.gov.il/cmstamat/rsrc/tkina/10AmdtoStanadardsLaw.pdf The 10th Amendment to the Standards Law - Explanations: http://www2.moital.gov.il/cmstamat/rsrc/tkina/10AmdtoStanadardsLaw-Explanations.pdf Combined edition of Standards Law (original law and all its amendments already in effect. Please note that the changes that are scheduled to enter into force in May 2014 do not yet appear in this edition): http://www2.moital.gov.il/cmstamat/rsrc/tkina/StandardsLaw-CombinedEdition.pdf