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## **Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u>
If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible: Department of Trade and Industry
Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website

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:

National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS)

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- 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): Luminaires (ICS 29.140.40); Lamps and lighting fittings including searchlights and spotlights and parts thereof, not elsewhere specified or included; illuminated signs, illuminated nameplates and the like, having a permanently fixed light source, and parts thereof not elsewhere specified or included. (HS 9405).
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: VC 8055 Compulsory Specification for Electrical and Electronic Apparatus (8 pages, in English).
- 6. Description of content: VC 8055- Compulsory Specification for Electrical and Electronic Apparatus. This specification covers safety and energy saving requirements for the specified types of mains-powered electrical and electronic apparatus listed below, rated at voltages not exceeding 500 V a.c. or d.c. and intended for use by ordinary persons in household, light industrial and general office applications. Such apparatus is generally available through normal retail distribution channels. This specification covers the following types of electrical and electronic apparatus:
  - household and similar appliances that may incorporate motors or heating elements, and including appliances intended to be used by ordinary persons in shops, light industry and on farms;
  - electronic apparatus used for the reception, generation, recording or reproduction of audio, video and associated signals, and apparatus designed to be used exclusively in combination with such apparatus;
  - information technology equipment, including electrical business and associated equipment;
  - luminaires for use with electric light sources;
  - hand-held motor-operated or magnetically driven electric tools;

- transportable electric motor-operated or magnetically driven tools;
- electrical equipment intended for application as test and measuring equipment, control equipment, educational equipment and laboratory equipment, including incorporated computing devices, excluding equipment designed for industrial process control.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or Safety; Protection of the environment
- 8. Relevant documents:
  - VC 8055, Compulsory Specification for Electrical and Electronic Apparatus;
  - SANS 60598-1, Luminaires- general requirements and testing.

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be announced once comments have been

received

**Proposed date of entry into force:**To be announced once comments have been

received

10. Final date for comments: 60 days from 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: