NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** ARGENTINA  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  *Secretaría de Industria y Comercio* (Secretariat of Industry and Trade)  **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:**  *Dirección Nacional de Reglamentos Técnicos* (National Technical Regulation Directorate)  *Área Obstáculos Técnicos al Comercio* (Technical Barriers to Trade Division)  Av. Julio A. Roca N° 651 Of. 416  (C1067ABB) Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires  Argentine Republic  (+54 11) 4349 4067  [focalotc@produccion.gob.ar](mailto:focalotc@produccion.gob.ar)  [www.puntofocal.gob.ar](http://www.puntofocal.gob.ar/) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** All products covered by technical regulations issued by the Secretariat of Industry and Trade |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** *Marco General de Evaluación de la Conformidad* (General conformity assessment framework) (23 pages, in Spanish) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified Resolution approves the general conformity assessment framework applicable to the technical regulations issued by the Secretariat of Industry and Trade of the Ministry of Economic Affairs. This general framework includes provisions on, *inter alia*, conformity assessment bodies; conformity assessment procedures; conformity marking; specific procedures for accepting technical equivalence, adapting to the local market and allowing the entry of goods without right of use; and market surveillance.  It revises and restructures existing legislation on conformity assessment, with a view to streamlining regulations, reducing state bureaucracy and facilitating trade. It makes the current system more flexible and expands the mechanisms provided for recognizing conformity assessment results, while introducing a change of approach for monitoring compliance that involves enhanced market surveillance.  The general framework also establishes conformity marking requirements.  Existing technical regulations that, at the time of publication of the measure, provide for certification systems in accordance with Technical Coordination Secretariat (SCT) Resolution No. 197/2004, as repealed by the measure, are to be replaced by the equivalent certification schemes provided for in ISO/IEC 17067 (section 3.2.2.1 of the Annex).  The following texts are repealed: Secretariat of Industry, Trade and Mining (SICyM) Resolution No. 799/1999; Secretariat for Competition and Consumer Protection (SDCyC) Resolution No. 237/2000; Technical Coordination Secretariat (SCT) Resolution No. 197/2004; Secretariat of Trade (SC) Resolution No. 282/2014; Secretariat of Domestic Trade (SCI) Resolution No. 344/2021; Provisions Nos. 178/2000 and 747/2001 of the former National Directorate of Domestic Trade; and the amendments and supplements thereto (G/TBT/Notif.99/656, G/TBT/Notif.00/59/Add.1, G/TBT/Notif.99/499/Add.1, G/TBT/Notif.00/60/Add.2, G/TBT/N/ARG/118/Add.1, G/TBT/N/ARG/163/Add.1 and G/TBT/N/ARG/294/Add.8). |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Secretariat of Industry and Trade (SIyC) Resolution No. 237/2024 approving the general conformity assessment framework. * Secretariat of Industry, Trade and Mining (SICyM) Resolution No. 799/99 approving the symbol applicable to products covered by mandatory certification systems, which must be displayed on each unit of a covered product, or on its packaging or label. * Technical Coordination Secretariat (SCT) Resolution No. 197/2004 establishing the certification systems through which manufacturers and importers of products covered by the systems introduced by Secretariat of Industry, Trade and Mining (SICyM) Resolutions Nos. 92/1998, 851/1998, 896/99, 897/99 and 404/1999 and SCT Resolutions Nos. 77/2004 and 91/2004, should certify compliance with the relevant requirements. The Resolution also approves the symbols for products covered by mandatory certification systems that have obtained the respective type (system No. 4) or batch (system No. 7) certificate demonstrating compliance with the relevant safety requirements established under the respective product safety system. * Secretariat of Trade (SC) Resolution No. 282/2014 on the transfer of ownership or extension of certificates issued by certification bodies recognized by the competent authority. * Secretariat of Domestic Trade (SCI) Resolution No. 344/2021 approving the procedure for the recognition of all certification bodies, inspection agencies and testing laboratories (generally known as "technical bodies"), the work of which involves conducting conformity assessment procedures for technical regulations issued by the Secretariat of Domestic Trade.   Relevant notifications:   * [G/TBT/Notif.99/656](https://eping.wto.org/es/Search/Index?viewData=G/TBT/Notif.99/656) * [G/TBT/Notif.00/59/Add.1](https://eping.wto.org/es/Search/Index?viewData=G/TBT/Notif.00/59/Add.1) * [G/TBT/Notif.99/499/Add.1](https://eping.wto.org/es/Search/Index?viewData=G/TBT/Notif.99/499/Add.1) * [G/TBT/Notif.00/60/Add.2](https://eping.wto.org/es/Search/Index?viewData=G/TBT/Notif.00/60/Add.2) * [G/TBT/N/ARG/118/Add.1](https://eping.wto.org/es/Search/Index?viewData=G/TBT/N/ARG/118/Add.1) * [G/TBT/N/ARG/163/Add.1](https://eping.wto.org/es/Search/Index?viewData=G/TBT/N/ARG/163/Add.1) * [G/TBT/N/ARG/294/Add.8](https://eping.wto.org/es/Search/Index?viewData=G/TBT/N/ARG/294/Add.8) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** ---  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 29 September 2024 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** --- |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  *Punto Focal OTC-OMC Argentina* (Argentine TBT-WTO Focal Point)  *Dirección Nacional de Reglamentos Técnicos* (National Technical Regulation Directorate)  *Área Obstáculos Técnicos al Comercio* (Technical Barriers to Trade Division)  Avda. Julio A. Roca N° 651 Of. 416  (C1067ABB) Buenos Aires  Argentina  Email: [focalotc@produccion.gob.ar](mailto:focalotc@produccion.gob.ar)  Website: [http://www.puntofocal.gob.ar](http://www.puntofocal.gob.ar/)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/ARG/24_06462_00_s.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/ARG/24_06462_01_s.pdf> |