NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 23 January 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Canada.

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**Title:** Regulations Amending the *Hazardous Products Regulations (GHS, Seventh Revised Edition)*, and Order Amending Schedule 2 to the *Hazardous Products Act*

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| [ ] | Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date: Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:  |
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**Description:** The Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), developed by the United Nations, is designed to standardize hazard classification and communication, such as labelling, for hazardous chemicals across various countries. Canada implemented the 5th revised edition of the GHS as the *Hazardous Products Regulations* on 11 February 2015. Under the authority of the *Hazardous Products Act*, Canada amended the *Hazardous Products Regulations* to align with the 7th revised edition of the GHS and with select provisions from the 8th revised edition of the GHS, to provide greater clarity or additional precision to specific provisions, amend specific provisions to better reflect their original intent, and address administrative updates. As a result of the proposed amendments to the *Hazardous Products Regulations*, the *Hazardous Products Act* also required amendments to Schedule 2.

The Schedule and regulatory amendments support the Government of Canada in facilitating international trade through common labelling and other hazard communication requirements for workplace hazardous products; lowering costs for businesses and consumers by reducing the need for re-testing and re-classifying chemicals from, or for, different markets, as well as by reducing the need for preparing multiple sets of labels and safety data sheets for different markets; and increasing worker protection through adoption of a revised version of the globally recognized standard for communicating the hazards associated with workplace hazardous products.

The amended *Hazardous Products Regulations* were registered on December 15, 2022, and came into force on this date. Businesses who sell or import hazardous products intended for workplace use in Canada have a 3-year transition period (spanning from December 15, 2022, to December 14, 2025) to comply with the Regulations.

Under the Canada-United States (U.S.) Regulatory Cooperation Council Joint Forward Plan, Canada has an international collaboration to align the *Hazardous Products Regulations* with the 7th revised edition of the GHS. To achieve this, Canada and the U.S. have publicly agreed to coordinate, to the extent possible, amendments to their respective regulations and align with the 7th revised edition of the GHS, with the key objective of facilitating trade between the two countries. The amendments to the *Hazardous Products Regulations* are expected to have positive effects on trade as they would also permit the continued use of one label and one safety data sheet per hazardous product to meet the hazard communication requirements of both countries, subject to Canada's legal and health and safety frameworks.

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1. This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)