NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 20 February 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Canada.

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**Title:** Prohibition of the Manufacture and Importation of Wheel Weights Containing Lead Regulations

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**Description:** The Regulations will reduce lead contamination from lead wheel weights. Lead is the most common material used for wheel balancing in the Canadian wheel weight market. Lead wheel weights are lost on roads and highways every year, and generate lead dust. This dust can build up in soil, enter waterways through runoff, or be inhaled. These pathways of exposure to lead dust can give rise to adverse human health and environmental impacts. Since it is a non-biodegradable metal, lead can also accumulate in the environment, contaminate water, and poison wildlife. Without action, it is expected that lead wheel weights will continue to be manufactured and imported in Canada, resulting in continued risks to human health and ecosystems from exposure to elevated concentrations of lead in the environment.

The *Prohibition of the Manufacture and Importation of Wheel Weights Containing Lead Regulations* will reduce human and environmental exposure to lead in Canada, as they prohibit the manufacture and import of wheel weights containing more than 0.1% lead by weight. This will help reduce the adverse health impacts resulting from lead exposure, and help improve air, water and soil quality. The prohibition does not apply in respect of the manufacture for export of wheel weights, and the importation of wheel weights installed on vehicles.

Permits may be issued under the Regulations by the Minister of the Environment to manufacturers or importers of wheel weights, so that they may continue manufacturing or importing wheel weights containing lead for use on vehicles in Canada. The permit applicant would be required to demonstrate that, at the time of the application, there are no alternatives to manufacturing or importing wheel weights containing lead, or the alternatives are not technically or economically feasible for the applicant. The term of the permit must not exceed 24 months, and the Minister may renew the permit once for a term that must not exceed 24 months.

The Regulations do not apply to wheel weights that are in transit through Canada, from a place outside Canada to another place outside Canada.

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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)