NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** UNITED KINGDOM**If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)**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:** UK TBT Enquiry PointTrade Policy GroupDepartment for International TradeOld Admiralty BuildingLondonSW1A 2DYTBTEnquiriesUK@trade.gov.uk |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **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):** Remote static pulse collar systems where the collar delivers an electric shock to the dog or cat wearing the collar which is triggered remotely by the owner or handler through the use of a handheld remote-control.The HS Code that applies is Electrical machines and apparatus, having individual functions not specified or included elsewhere in this chapter (8543.7090.99). |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** The Animal Welfare (Electronic Collars) (England) Regulations 2022; (3 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** These regulations will make provision for preventing the attachment and use of electronic collars on dogs and cats in England.Once the regulations come into force, a person commits an offence if, at any time when the person is responsible for a dog or cat—(a) the dog or cat is wearing an electronic collar; and(b) the person is in possession of a remote-control device which is designed or adapted for activating the electronic collar remotely. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The objective of these regulations is to improve animal welfare by prohibiting the use of electric shock collars controlled by hand-held devices on cats and dogs in England. Evidence shows that the use of these devices can have a negative impact on animal welfare and contribute to other behavioural problems. A consultation was held to gather evidence, industry, and expert views to inform the development of this measure.; Protection of animal or plant life or health |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** [Electronic training collars for cats and dogs in England: Summary of responses and government response](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/736003/pets-ecollars-consult-sum-resp.pdf%22%20%5Cl%20%22%3A~%3Atext%3DThis%20document%20provides%20a%20summary%20of%20responses%20to%2C12%20th%20March%202018%20to%2027%20April%202018.) (Please see attached) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 25 October 2022**Proposed date of entry into force:** 25 April 2023 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** UK TBT Enquiry PointTrade Policy GroupDepartment for International TradeOld Admiralty BuildingLondonSW1A 2DYTBTEnquiriesUK@trade.gov.ukPlease see full draft text attached.<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/GBR/22_5663_00_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/GBR/22_5663_01_e.pdf> |