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 Business and Trade (DBT)  **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 Point  Trade Policy, Implementation and Negotiations  Department for Business and Trade  Old Admiralty Building  London  SW1A 2DY  [tbtenquiriesuk@businessandtrade.gov.uk](mailto:tbtenquiriesuk@businessandtrade.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):** Products covered fall under the 18 product regulations under the responsibility of the Department for Business and Trade, the Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products Regulations 2010 (Department for Energy Security and Net Zero), the Explosives Regulations 2014 (Department for Work and Pensions (Health and Safety Executive)), and the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012 (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs).  A full list of these regulations is attached to this notification.  These regulations cover a range of manufactured products including mobile phones, lifts, industrial machinery, toys, and household appliances. Such products are included within, but are not limited to, the following HS codes: 36, 39, 73, 76, 85, 95, 96. |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** The Product Safety and Metrology etc (Amendment) (Marking and Labelling) Regulations 2024; (10 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The United Kingdom has announced its intention to introduce a voluntary option for businesses to use digital labelling, as an alternative to physical labelling, for certain marking and information requirements. This will apply to most manufactured products. Where the Regulations require businesses to provide a product's UK conformity marking, manufacturer details, importer details, responsible person details (or in the case of the Aerosols Dispensers Regulations 2009, the person responsible for the marketing of the aerosol dispenser) and UK Declaration of Conformity, this will allow businesses to provide access to such marking and information through a digital link.  The United Kingdom also intends to make permanent the current temporary labelling easements relating to a product's UK conformity marking and importer details (G/TBT/N/GBR/49). Where the Regulations require businesses to provide a product's UK conformity marking and importer details on a product, this will allow businesses to provide the same marking and details on the product's packaging, on a label affixed to the product or the product's packaging, or on an accompanying document. In respect of the existing importer details easement, this will be made permanent and expanded to provide more flexibility for all importers.  These labelling easements will also be extended to cover a product's manufacturer details. Where the Regulations require businesses to provide manufacturer or responsible person details (or marketer details in the case of the Aerosols Dispensers Regulations 2009) on the product, this will also allow businesses to provide these details on the product's packaging, on a label affixed to the product or the product's packaging, or on an accompanying document.  This legislation applies to Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales). |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** We are introducing these measures to give businesses additional flexibility when labelling their products, allowing certain markings and information to be provided on the product's packaging, on a label affixed to the product or the product's packaging, on accompanying documentation or digitally. The measures are trade-liberalising, giving businesses additional choice when meeting their labelling requirements for the GB market.  Since products can become spoiled when physically marked, the measure will also reduce costs for industry associated with waste products; Cost saving and productivity enhancement |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  [New Laws To Introduce Digital Labelling for Businesses and Reduce Regulation Costs](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-laws-to-introduce-digital-labelling-for-businesses-and-reduce-regulation-costs)  List of regulations (attached)  The Product Safety and Metrology etc (Amendment) (Marking and Labelling) Regulations 2024 – draft sample of Radio Equipment Regulations 2017/1206 (attached) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** July 2024  **Proposed date of entry into force:** January 2025 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  UK TBT Enquiry Point  Trade Policy, Implementation and Negotiations  Department for Business and Trade  Old Admiralty Building  London  SW1A 2DY  [tbtenquiriesuk@businessandtrade.gov.uk](mailto:tbtenquiriesuk@businessandtrade.gov.uk)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/GBR/24_02926_00_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/GBR/24_02926_01_e.pdf> |