NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** ISRAEL  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Israel WTO-TBT Enquiry Point  **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:**  Israel WTO-TBT Enquiry Point  Ministry of Economy and Industry  Tel: + (972) 74 750 2236  E-mail: [Yael.Friedgut@service.economy.gov.il](mailto:Yael.Friedgut@service.economy.gov.il) |
| **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):** Hand-propelled wheelchairs (HS code(s): 871310); (ICS code(s): 11.180.10) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** SI 1279 part 1 – Wheelchairs: Manual wheelchairs – Requirements and test methods; (52 page(s), in English), (7 page(s), in Hebrew) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 1279 part 1, dealing with hand-propelled wheelchairs. This proposed standard revision adopts both the European Standard EN 12183: September 2022 and the American Standard RESNA WC-1:2019 and allows for complying with either. The major differences between the old version and this new revised draft standard are as follows:   * Chapter A, The European Import route:   + Adopts an updated European standard. The main differences between the editions are detailed in Annex G.   + Expanded the standard's scope to include manually propelled wheelchairs for bathing and for use in the toilet. * Chapter B, The American Import Route:   + Adopts an updated American standard.   + Adds Section 3 dealing with the brake efficiency.   Both the old standard and this new revised standard will apply from entry into force of this revision for a period of 6 months. During this time, products may be tested according to the old or the new revised standard. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety; Harmonization; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Israel Mandatory Standard SI 1279 part 1 (February 2019); * European Standard EN 12183: September 2022; * American Standard RESNA WC-1:2019. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined Generally, 60 days after publication in Israel's Official Gazette, Section of Government Notice. |
| **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:**  WTO-TBT Enquiry Point  Email: [Yael.Friedgut@service.economy.gov.il](mailto:Yael.Friedgut@service.economy.gov.il)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/ISR/24_01613_00_x.pdf> |