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  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)  **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:** |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****X],** **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 and commodities subject to Mandatory Standards |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Standards Law (Compliance with European regulation requirements) (Amendment no. \_) 5784-2024; (16 page(s), in Hebrew) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Minister of Economy and Industry announced a draft amendment to Israel's Standards Law. This amendment significantly reforms Israel's import regime.  The proposed amendment aims to reduce the regulatory and bureaucratic burden on manufacturers, importers, and retailers. It promotes competition and encourages free international trade, by adding an alternative route to importing and marketing goods subject to a mandatory standard,  The new alternative route relies on European regulations, reduces regulatory requirements at the import stage, and focuses on market surveillance and sampling goods at the ports according to a new risk management system. According to this new regime, manufacturers and importers that promote self-enforcement or submit documents showing that the goods were marketed in Europe, will be subject to facilitated import requirements.  This proposed amendment also includes an indirect amendment to update Israel's Import and Export Decree accordingly. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Harmonization; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Israel's Standards Law, 5733-1953 and all its amendments; * Israel's Import and Export Decree [New Version], 5769-1979. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined The Minister of Economy and Industry may, by decree, postpone the commencement date if he is convinced that the preparation of the required supervisory and enforcement powers has not been completed. This will maintain inspection capabilities, implement the requirements of the European regulation, and implement the instructions of this proposed amendment to The Standards Law and the Import and Export Ordinance as worded in this draft. |
| **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  [Yael.Friedgut@service.economy.gov.il](mailto:Yael.Friedgut@service.economy.gov.il)  In addition to the proposed amendment, we provide an informal combined version of the future Standards Law and a Regulatory Impact Assessment Report (RIA) for the new import route based on European regulation.  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/ISR/24_02157_00_x.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/ISR/24_02157_01_x.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/ISR/24_02157_02_x.pdf> |