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 7502236  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):** Electrodes for arc welding (HS: 8311) (ICS: 25.160.20) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** SI 3581 - Welding consumables — Covered electrodes for manual metal arc welding of stainless and heat-resisting steels — Classification; (84 page(s), in English), (6 page(s), in Hebrew) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The existing Mandatory Standard SI 3581 shall be declared voluntary.  The standard deals with electrodes for arc welding, a professional industry product used by professionals. The standard's requirements do not ensure welding quality, welder safety, or workplace safety and, therefore, do not coincide with the mandatory standardization goals. This declaration aims to remove unnecessary trade obstacles and lower trade barriers. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade; Cost saving and productivity enhancement |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Israel Mandatory Standard SI 3581 (January 2024); * International Standard ISO 3581 - Third edition: 2016-07-01 Corrected version 2017-11; * American Welding Association Standard AWS A5.4/A5.4M: 2012. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **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)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/ISR/24_02228_00_x.pdf> |