NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** LITHUANIA**If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Environment of the Republic of LithuaniaA. Jakšto str. 4, LT-01105 Vilnius, LithuaniaTel.: +370 706 63661, Fax: +370 5 2663663E-mail: lina.lekunaite@am.lt**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:** National WTO TBT Enquiry pointLithuanian Standards BoardAlgirdo street 31, 03219 Vilnius, LithuaniaTelephone: (+370) 5 279 1152; mobile: (+370) 6 58 60308E-mail: aurelija.jeleniauskaite@lsd.lt (cc: enquiry@lsd.lt) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****],** **2.10.1 [****X],** **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):** Construction products |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Change of the The List of Construction Products Subject to Regulation approved on 24 January 2022 by the Order No. D1-15 of the Minister of the Environment of the Republic of Lithuania. (1 page(s), in Lithuanian) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** It should be noted that the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania on January 24, 2022 order no. D1-15 "List of Construction Products Subject to Regulation" was notified by The European Commission, the Member States and the World Trade Organization (draft legal act No. 2021/608/LT and G/TBT/N/LTU/43). The notification procedure ended on December 22, 2021. The European Commission and the Member States did not have any comments.This draft order proposes to supplement sub-paragraphs 2.2, 2.4 and 2.6, which would provide a corresponding exemption for access to the market of non-harmonized construction products in the market of the Republic of Lithuania for a transitional period.The amendment to the order was adopted in view of the fact that the Russian Federation was carrying out a military attack on Ukraine, which is in line with military aggression under international law, and the Republic of Belarus involvement in the attack, and due to Council Regulation (EU) 2022/355 of 2 March 2022 amending Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus, to ensure that these countries are not directly or indirectly financed by the Republic of Lithuania and the European Union, state enterprise Construction Products Certification Center suspended validity of certificates of constancy of performance of construction products, certificates of conformity of (internal) production control of construction products (hereinafter - certificates). Therefore The Ministry of Environment has prepared an order considering the problems and proposals raised by market participants, which facilitates the access of non-harmonized construction products to the market of the Republic of Lithuania during the transition period.Given the urgency and complexity of the situation, legislation should be assessed as a matter of urgency. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The draft order has been prepared in order to liberalize the supply of non-harmonized construction products to the market of the Republic of Lithuania. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** The Law on Construction of the Republic of Lithuania, Technical Construction Regulation STR 1.01.04:2015 "Assessment, verification of constancy of performance of construction products for which there are no harmonized technical specifications and declaration of performance of such products. Designation of testing laboratories and certification bodies. National Technical Assessments and designation and notification of Technical Assessment Bodies". |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** As soon as possible in April 2022.**Proposed date of entry into force:** As soon as possible in April 2022. |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 3 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat. |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** National WTO TBT Enquiry pointLithuanian Standards BoardAlgirdo street 31, 03219 Vilnius, LithuaniaTelephone: (+370) 5 279 1152; mobile: (+370) 6 58 60308E-mail: aurelija.jeleniauskaite@lsd.lt (cc: enquiry@lsd.lt) |