NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization of the Republic of Moldova.  MD-2033, Chisinau, 1 Piata Marii Adunari Nationale,  Tel. +373 22 250 107, +373 22 250 692  E-mail: [secretariat@mded.gov.md](mailto:secretariat@mded.gov.md)  www.mded.gov.md  **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 [****],** **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):** GLASS AND GLASSWARE (HS code(s): 70) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** The Government Decision No.718/2023 for the approval of the Technical Regulation relating to crystal glass; (7 page(s), in Romanian) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Government Decision No. 718/2023 for the approval of the Technical Regulation lays down the rules on making available on the market crystal glass, composition, characteristics of manufacture and labelling of the crystal categories.  The Annex 2 establishes the methods for determining the chemical and physical properties of categories of crystal glass. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The Government Decision No.718/2023 for the approval of the Technical Regulation was developed to harmonize national legislation with the European Union legislation. The purpose of the Technical Regulation is exclusion between the rules with regard to the use of a special description for crystal glass products whereas those differences hinder trade in such products and can lead to distortions in competition. The Technical Regulation aims to protect both the buyer against fraud and the manufacturer who complies with these provisions. Consumer information, labelling; Quality requirements; Harmonization; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  1. Law no. 420 of 22/2006 on technical regulation activity.  2. Analytical Report of the European Commission of the Republic of Moldova's application for membership of the European Union from 01.02.2023. Operational conclusions of the Association Committee in the Trade Configuration of the Republic of Moldova-EU of 20-21 October 2020.  3. Council Directive of 15 December 1969 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to crystal glass. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 26 September 2023  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 12 October 2024 (12 months after its publication) |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** Not Applicable |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  The Center of notification and information the WTO in the area of technical barriers in trade  MD – 2033, Chisinau, Piata Marii Adunari Nationale 1  Tel.: +373 22 250 107, Fax: +373 22 250 692  Email: [secretariat@mded.gov.md](mailto:secretariat@mded.gov.md)  Email: [marina.chitanu@mfa.gov.md](mailto:marina.chitanu@mfa.gov.md)  <https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=139410&lang=ro>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/MDA/24_02276_00_x.pdf> |