NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) [2178]  **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:**  Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: [usatbtep@nist.gov](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov) |
| **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):** Water bead toys and toys that contain water beads. A toy is defined as "any object designed, manufactured, or marketed as a plaything for children under 14 years of age". Product and company certification. Conformity assessment (ICS code(s): 03.120.20); Toys (ICS code(s): 97.200.50) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Safety Standard for Toys: Requirements for Water Beads; (27 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Notice of proposed rulemaking - The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 ([CPSIA](https://www.cpsc.gov/Regulations-Laws--Standards/Statutes/The-Consumer-Product-Safety-Improvement-Act)) mandates that [ASTM F963](https://www.astm.org/f0963-23.html) shall be a mandatory toy safety standard. This safety standard sets forth requirements for water bead toys and toys that contain water beads. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) proposes to establish additional performance and labeling requirements for these products. The Commission also proposes to amend CPSC's list of notice of requirements (NORs) to include water bead toys and toys that contain water beads. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety; Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  89 Federal Register (FR) 73024, 9 September 2024; [Title 16](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-16) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts [1112](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-16/chapter-II/subchapter-B/part-1112) and [1250](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-16/chapter-II/subchapter-B/part-1250):  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-09-09/html/2024-19286.htm>  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-09-09/pdf/2024-19286.pdf>  This notice of proposed rulemaking is identified by Docket Number CPSC-2024-0027. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/CPSC-2024-0027/document> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov) by or before [4pm](http://time-time.net/times/time-zones/usa-canada/current-eastern-time-est.php) [Eastern Time](https://24timezones.com/time-zone/et) on 8 November 2024. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with CPSC and will also be submitted to the [Docket](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/CPSC-2024-0027/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 8 November 2024 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/USA/24_05917_00_e.pdf> |