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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority P.O. Box: 388 Wellington, New Zealand Phone: +64-4-470 2200 Email: matthew.hammond-blain@eeca.govt.nz Web: http://www.eeca.govt.nz 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: TBT Enquiry Point of New Zealand Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Ph +6448965711 wto@standards.co.nz https://www.mbie.govt.nz/
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): Domestic electrical appliances (ICS 97.030).
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Clothes washing machines: Australian Determination (which New Zealand will align with): Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Clothes Washing Machines) Determination 2015 (legislation.gov.au) Rotary clothes dryers: Australian Determination (which New Zealand will align with): Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Rotary Clothes Dryers) Determination 2015 (legislation.gov.au) Dishwashers: Australian Determination (which New Zealand will align with): Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Dishwashers) Determination 2015 (legislation.gov.au) ; (16 page(s), in English), (18 page(s), in English), (16 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: The Energy Efficiency Conversation Authority (EECA) proposes to align New Zealand's energy requirements for clothes washing machines, rotary clothes

dryers and dishwashers with the relevant Australian Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Determinations.

Clothes washing machines:

Alignment with the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Clothes Washing Machines) Determination 2015 will involve:

Change to Mandatory Energy Performance Labelling Requirements (MEPL)

The current MEPL Standard cited in the regulations AS/NZS 2040.2:2005 + A1 requires that products display an Energy Rating Label up to 6 stars. The Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Clothes Washing Machines) Determination 2015 requires that products with a rating above 6 stars display a Super Efficiency Label, which has a star rating up to 10 stars.

Testing requirements

The Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Clothes Washing Machines) Determination 2015 requires additional test loads for products with a load size of more than 10kg.

Rotary clothes dryers:

Alignment with the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Rotary Clothes Dryers) Determination 2015 will involve:

Change to Mandatory Energy Performance Labelling Requirements (MEPL)

The current MEPL Standard cited in the regulations AS/NZS 2442.2:2000 + A1 + A2 requires that products display an Energy Rating Label up to 6 stars. The Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Rotary Clothes Dryers) Determination 2015 requires that products with a rating above 6 stars display a Super Efficiency Label, which has a star rating up to 10 stars.

Testing requirements

The Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Rotary Clothes Dryers) Determination 2015 adds an alternative test load.

Dishwashers:

Alignment with the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Dishwashers) Determination 2015 will involve:

Change to Mandatory Energy Performance Labelling Requirements (MEPL)

The current MEPL Standard cited in the regulations AS/NZS 2007.2:2005 + A1 requires that products display an Energy Rating Label up to 6 stars. The Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Dishwashers) Determination 2015 requires that products with a rating above 6 stars display a Super Efficiency Label, which has a star rating up to 10 stars.

Testing requirements

The Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Dishwashers) Determination 2015 adds alternative soiling agents and preparation methods.

- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** This proposal has been developed under the Trans-Tasman Equipment Energy Efficiency (E3) programme. It aims to ensure that improvements in product technologies are available on the New Zealand market, which will lead to increased productivity and lower energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

The proposed measures also contribute to the New Zealand Government's priorities under the Emissions Reduction Plan to "Use energy efficiently, lower costs and manage demand for energy" as well as targets under the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019 to reach net zero emissions by 2050.

8.	Relevant documents: The Energy Efficiency (Energy Using Products) Regulations 2002. The current version of the Regulations (into which these proposed changes will be incorporated, subject to Cabinet approval): https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2002/0009/latest/DLM108730.html
9.	Proposed date of adoption: The proposed policy option (if progressed) will be incorporated into New Zealand Regulation no earlier than February 2024. Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined The proposed policy option (if progressed) will come into force in New Zealand Regulation no earlier than August 2024.
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: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority P.O. Box: 388 Wellington, New Zealand Phone: +64-4-470 2200 Email: matthew.hammond-blain@eeeca.govt.nz Web: http://www.eeca.govt.nz , http://www.energyrating.gov.au