NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 22 December 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Australia.

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**Title:** Australian mandatory safety and information standards - requirements for consumer goods containing button and coin cell batteries and button and coin cell batteries themselves.

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| **Reason for Addendum:** |
| [  ] | Comment period changed - date:  |
| [X] | Notified measure adopted - date: 21 December 2020 |
| [X] | Notified measure published - date: 21 December 2020 |
| [X] | Notified measure enters into force - date: 22 June 2022 |
| [X] | Text of final measure available from[[1]](#footnote-1): <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L01656><https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L01657><https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L01658><https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L01659>Four new mandatory standards have been introduced:Consumer Goods (Products Containing Button/Coin Batteries) Safety Standard 2020 Consumer Goods (Products Containing Button/Coin Batteries) Information Standard 2020Consumer Goods (Button/Coin Batteries) Safety Standard 2020Consumer Goods (Button/Coin Batteries) Information Standard 2020 |
| [  ] | Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date: Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:  |
| [  ] | Content or scope of notified measure changedNew deadline for comments (if applicable):  |
| [  ] | Interpretive guidance issued and text available from1:  |
| [X] | Other: <https://ministers.treasury.gov.au/ministers/michael-sukkar-2019/media-releases/mandatory-improvement-button-battery-safety-save-lives><https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/accc-welcomes-safety-and-information-standards-for-button-batteries>Please see the media releases issued on 21 December by the Assistant Treasurer and the ACCC. |

**Description:** The new standards take effect on 22 December 2020 and an 18-month transition period applies from this date. Suppliers have until June 2022 to comply with the new requirements.

The ACCC will make guidance material about the standards available in 2021 to make it easy for all businesses to understand their obligations and for consumers to know what they can expect when buying button battery products.

For further information please see the Product Safety Australia website: <https://www.productsafety.gov.au/standards/button-coin-batteries>.

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1. This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)