NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** European Union **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** European Commission**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:** European CommissionEU-TBT Enquiry PointFax: +(32) 2 299 80 43E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.euWebsite: <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/> |
| **3.** | **Notified under** **Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Welding equipment |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Commission Regulation laying down ecodesign requirements for welding equipment pursuant to Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (8 pages + 10 pages of the Annexes, in English).  |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This draft Commission Regulation sets compulsory requirements on the energy efficiency (minimum efficiency of the internal power supply unit, and maximum low-power-mode consumption), as well as on the material efficiency (such as the disassemblability of certain components) of welding equipment. In accordance with Framework Directive 2009/125/EC, products not meeting these requirements will not be allowed to be placed on the EU market. The draft Regulation is based on the findings of a technical, environmental and economic study which has been carried out in consultation with stakeholders. The measures proposed were subject to an impact assessment.  |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The general objectives are to contribute to the EU energy use reduction and climate targets (2030 targets) and to the circular economy targets (in light of the Circular Economy Action Plan). More specifically, this initiative is intended to raise awareness in the supply chain on the environmental performance of welding equipment, to facilitate a comparison between products among users, and to gradually remove the worst-performing products from the EU market. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** [Directive 2009/125/EC](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32005L0032:EN:NOT) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for the setting of Ecodesign requirements for energy-related products, Official Journal L 285, 31 October 2009 P. 0010.<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1519726698123&uri=CELEX:32009L0125>  |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:**February 2019**Proposed date of entry into force:**The Regulation will enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union (The provisions shall apply from 1 January 2021).  |
| **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:** European CommissionEU-TBT Enquiry PointFax: + (32) 2 299 80 43E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.euThe text is available on the EU-TBT Website: <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/> <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_6049_00_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_6049_01_e.pdf> |