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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 21 November 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Canada.

Title: Tents Regulations

Reason for Addendum:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comment period changed - date:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure adopted - date: 8 November 2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure published - date: 20 November 2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure enters into force - date: These Regulations came into force on the day on which they were published in the Canada Gazette, Part II (November 20, 2024). These Regulations include a transitional provision that allows a product compliant to the previous Regulations to continue to be manufactured, imported, advertised, or sold in Canada for 2 years beginning on the day the Regulations came into force. During this time, regulated parties must comply with either the previous Regulations or the new Regulations.
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date: Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:
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Description: The proposed regulatory amendments notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/698 (dated June 20, 2023) were adopted and published in the Canada Gazette, Part II on November 20, 2024 as the *Tents Regulations*.

¹ This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

The former *Tents Regulations* had not changed substantively since they were introduced in 1988 and referenced an outdated industry standard that addresses the flammability issues associated with tent materials commonly used at the time. The performance requirements in the former Regulations were less suited to address flammability hazards for the types of tent materials sold in the market today, which are mainly composed of synthetic textile materials.

Health Canada has updated the flammability and fire-safety labelling requirements in the *Tents Regulations* with contemporary requirements set out in the Canadian General Standards Board standard CAN/CGSB-182.1-2020 *Flammability and Labelling Requirements for Tents*, using an ambulatory incorporation by reference.

Health Canada also added appropriate flammability performance and fire-safety labelling requirements to the *Toys Regulations* in order to continue regulating children's play tents not intended to be used as outdoor shelters. These children's play tents, defined as a "toy intended to be entered by a child", are subject to the flammability performance requirements from the International Organization for Standardization standard ISO 8124-2:2014 *Safety of toys — Part 2: Flammability* using an ambulatory incorporation by reference. Fire-safety labelling requirements are also set out in the *Toys Regulations* for these products. Consequential amendments to the *Textile Flammability Regulations* exclude products captured in the scope of the amended *Toys Regulations*.

The Regulations came into force on the date on which they are published in *Canada Gazette*, Part II (November 20, 2024). A transitional provision of 2 years following the date the Regulations come into force is provided to allow the depletion of existing stock and introduction of products that comply with the new requirements.
