NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 7 June 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Canada.

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**Title:** Changes to the Land Use and Biodiversity Criteria of the Clean Fuel Regulations

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**Description:** The Clean Fuel Regulations (CFR) were notified under G/TBT/N/CAN/632, G/TBT/N/CAN/632/Add.1, and G/TBT/N/CAN/632/Add.2, respectively on 4 January 2021, 18 March 2022, and 1 April 2022. The Government of Canada is now modifying the Land Use and Biodiversity (LUB) in the CFR.

1. The coming into force date for all LUB criteria has changed from 1 January 2023 to 1 January 2024.

2. The term "vulnerable ecosystems" has been removed as the protection of these areas is largely covered by other LUB criteria.

3. Forest management plans must promote timely regeneration to the pre-harvesting condition. Previously, the requirement was for natural regeneration or replanting to occur without four years of the harvest date.

4. The intended outcomes of the following LUB criterion can be achieved with the associated Acts listed below in relation to Canadian feedstocks:

* Wildlife habitat criterion: Canada's federal *Species at Risk Act*.
* Damaging agents criterion: Canada's federal *Plant Protection Act*.
* Forest watercourse connectivity criterion: Canada's federal *Fisheries Act*.

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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/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)