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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.

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>COLOMBIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> <i>Ministerio del Trabajo</i> (Ministry of Labour) <b>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:</b> <i>Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo</i> (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism)
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b> Transparency
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Chemicals (28.00.00)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> <i>Proyecto de Decreto del Ministerio del Trabajo "Por el cual se adopta el Sistema Globalmente Armonizado de Clasificación y Etiquetado de Productos Químicos y se dictan otras disposiciones en materia de seguridad química"</i> (Draft Ministry of Labour Decree "Adopting the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals and issuing other provisions on chemical safety") (7 pages, in Spanish)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The notified draft Decree adopts the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). Its articles cover the following: Purpose; Scope; Exceptions; Definitions; Hazard classification; Hazard communication; Labelling; Safety data sheets; Access to information for emergency response; Chemicals for consumers; Chemical pesticides for agricultural use; Motor vehicle land transport of chemical substances; Chemicals used in the workplace; Responsibilities of chemical manufacturers, importers, marketers and users; Responsibilities of the Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Agriculture; Responsibilities of Occupational Risk Managers (ARL); Inspection, surveillance and control; and Period of validity.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> To prevent practices likely to mislead consumers.
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.6)</li><li>• <i>Decisión 706 del 10 de Diciembre de 2008 de la Comisión de la Comunidad Andina</i> (Decision No. 706 of 10 December 2008 of the Commission of the Andean Community)</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Decisión 804 del 24 de Abril de 2015 de la Comisión de la Comunidad Andina</i> (Decision No. 804 of 24 April 2015 of the Commission of the Andean Community)</li> <li>• <i>Resolución 630 del 25 de Junio de 2002 de la Secretaría General de la Comunidad Andina</i> (Resolution No. 630 of 25 June 2002 of the General Secretariat of the Andean Community)</li> <li>• <i>Decreto N° 1843 del 22 de Julio de 1991</i> (Decree No. 1843 of 22 July 1991)</li> <li>• <i>Decreto N° 1079 del 26 de Mayo de 2015, Decreto Único Reglamentario del Sector Transporte (Sección 8 del Capítulo 7 del Título 1 de la Parte 2)</i> (Decree No. 1079 of 26 May 2015, Single Decree Regulating the Transportation Sector (Section 8 of Chapter 7 of Title 1 of Part 2))</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> Date of publication in the Official Journal.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Upon publication in the Official Journal.</p>
<p><b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 28 February 2018</p>
<p><b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b></p> <p>Enquiry point:</p> <p>Contact person: Daniel Héctor Rico R.  Email: <a href="mailto:drico@mincit.gov.co">drico@mincit.gov.co</a>; <a href="mailto:mgonzalezs@mincit.gov.co">mgonzalezs@mincit.gov.co</a>  Tel.: (+57-1) 606 7676, Ext. 1690 or 1340  <i>Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo</i> (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism)  <i>Dirección de Regulación</i> (Regulation Department)  Calle 28, N° 13A - 15  Bogotá, D.C. Colombia  Tel.: (+57-1) 6067676  Website: <a href="http://www.mincit.gov.co/publicaciones.php?id=33051">http://www.mincit.gov.co/publicaciones.php?id=33051</a></p> <p>Also available at:  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/COL/17_5322_00_s.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/COL/17_5322_00_s.pdf</a></p>