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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

1. Notifying Member: <u>ISRAEL</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Israel WTO-TBT Enquiry Point 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: Israel WTO-TBT Enquiry Point Ministry of Economy and Industry Tel: + (972) 3 7347501 E-mail: Yael.Friedgut@economy.gov.il
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): Release of nickel from articles intended to come into contact with human skin (HS: 7113, 7508, 9004). (ICS: 11.040.70, 77.040.99, 39.060).
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: - SI 1811 - Reference test method for release of nickel from all post assemblies which are inserted into pierced parts of the human body and articles intended to come into direct and prolonged contact with the skin (7 pages in Hebrew and 44 pages in English); - SI 16128 - Ophthalmic optics - Reference method for the testing of spectacle frames and sunglasses for nickel release (5 page(s), in Hebrew; 36 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 5562, dealing with the nickel release in contact with human skin. This standard will be replaced with 2 different standards as follows: 1. SI 1811 (January 2017) - Reference test method for release of nickel from all post assemblies which are inserted into pierced parts of the human body and articles intended to come into direct and prolonged contact with the skin: This draft standard revision adopts both the European Standard EN 1811: 2011 + A1: July 2015 and the American Standard ASTM F2923 - 14 and allows compliance with either. It includes the following national deviations that appear in the standard's Hebrew section: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter A - Compliance with the European Standard:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Changes the normative references to fit Israel technical regulations;○ Adds to paragraph 3 dealing with the terms and definitions a new definition 3.9 for long term contact with the skin.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter B - Compliance with the American Standard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Changes the standard's scope to apply only to nickel release; ○ Changes paragraph 2 dealing with the referenced documents to fit Israel technical regulations; <p>2. SI 16128 (June 2017) - Ophthalmic optics - Reference method for the testing of spectacle frames and sunglasses for nickel release: This draft standard revision adopts the European Standard EN 16128: November 2015 with the following national deviation that appear in the standard's Hebrew section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds to paragraph 3 dealing with the terms and definitions a new definition 3.9 for long term contact with the skin.
<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Israel Mandatory Standard SI 5562 (August 2005); • American Standard ASTM F2923 - 14; • European Standard EN 1811: 2011 + A1: July 2015; • European Standard EN 16128: November 2015.
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: Generally 60 days after publication in Israel Official Gazette, Section of Government Notices</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification</p>
<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>SI 1811 (January 2017), available in Hebrew only: http://www.economy.gov.il/standartization/WTO_TBT/ISR_Text/SI1811_Jan17.pdf</p> <p>SI 16128 (June 2017), available in Hebrew only: http://www.economy.gov.il/standartization/WTO_TBT/ISR_Text/SI16128_Jun17.pdf</p>