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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>PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> <i>Ministerio de Desarrollo Productivo y Economía Plural</i> (Ministry of Productive Development and the Plural Economy) <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>Viceministerio de Producción Industrial a Mediana y Gran Escala</i> (Vice-Ministry of Medium- and Large-Scale Industrial Production) Av. Mariscal Santa Cruz, Edificio Centro de Comunicaciones La Paz, Piso 17 Tel.: (+591) 2-2184342; (+591) 2-2184343 Fax: 2356742 Email: <a href="mailto:reglamentos.técnicos@producción.gob.bo">reglamentos.técnicos@producción.gob.bo</a> Website: <a href="http://produccion.gob.bo/">http://produccion.gob.bo/</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Fire extinguishers, whether or not charged (HS code: 842410) (ICS number: 13.220)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> <i>Reglamento de Extintores Portátiles de Polvo Químico Seco Contra Incendios</i> (Regulations on portable dry chemical powder fire extinguishers) (24 pages, in Spanish)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The notified draft Technical Regulation applies to portable low-pressure dry chemical powder fire extinguishers that are rechargeable or non-rechargeable, have a capacity between 0.5 kg and 12 kg, and are either domestically manufactured or imported. It sets out general requirements for extinguishers' external cylinder characteristics and their parts and components, and specific requirements for their physical characteristics, functioning and resistance, and the information that must appear on markings and labels.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> The draft Technical Regulation establishes requirements for portable dry chemical powder fire extinguishers, with a view to protecting human safety and preventing practices likely to mislead users. Its objective is to inform consumers, regulate labelling, prevent misleading practices, protect consumers, and protect human health and safety.
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> Proposal and basic document: Regulations on portable dry chemical powder fire extinguishers

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** Date on which the Ministerial Resolution adopting the Technical Regulation is issued.

**Proposed date of entry into force:** 210 calendar days from the date on which the Ministerial Resolution adopting the Technical Regulation is issued.

**10. Final date for comments:** 90 days from the date of notification.

**11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**

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