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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 4 August 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Australia.

Title: Ratification of the Minamata Convention on Mercury – Final Regulation Impact Statement.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from ¹ : Further Update on the Ratification of the Minamata Convention on Mercury As advised in G/TBT/N/AUS/134/Add.1, Rules made under the Recycling and Waste Reduction Act 2020 prohibit the manufacture, import and export of certain mercury-containing products in Australia. The Recycling and Waste Reduction (Mandatory Product Stewardship – Mercury-added Products) Rules 2021 (the Rules) will incorporate changes made to Annex A of the Minamata Convention on Mercury. The Rules, which came into force on 7 March 2022, prohibit the manufacture, import and export of products containing mercury, with some exemptions for essential products. The Fourth Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention (21 to 25 March 2022), made amendments to prohibit the manufacture, import and export of the following products from 31 December 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compact fluorescent lamps with an integrated ballast (CFL.i) for general lighting purposes that are ≤ 30 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner. • Cold cathode fluorescent lamps (CCFL) and external electrode fluorescent lamps (EEFL) of all lengths for electronic displays.

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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strain gauges to be used in plethysmographs. • The following electrical and electronic measuring devices, except those installed in large-scale equipment or those used for high precision measurement, where no suitable mercury free alternative is available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Melt pressure transducers, melt pressure transmitters and melt pressure sensors. • Mercury vacuum pumps. • Tyre balancers and wheel weights. • Photographic film and paper. • Propellant for satellites and spacecraft. <p>New deadline for comments (if applicable):</p>
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