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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>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Health <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> Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Technical Barriers and Regulations Division Global Affairs Canada 111 Sussex Drive Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0G2 Canada Telephone: (343) 203-4273 Fax: (613) 943-0346 E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquirypoint@international.gc.ca">enquirypoint@international.gc.ca</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], 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> Carriages and strollers, Baby carriages and parts thereof (HS Code 8715.00.0000), Equipment for children (ICS Code 97.190).
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Carriages and Strollers Regulations (30 pages, available in English and French)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The requirements of the <i>Carriages and Strollers Regulations</i> (Regulations) have not changed substantively since they were introduced in 1985, while carriage and stroller design has evolved considerably. Current designs of carriages and strollers may present hazards that are not addressed by the Regulations. In addition, some terminology could be clarified and updated to keep pace with current designs. Health Canada has also identified requirements that are not aligned with the requirements in other jurisdictions, and the limited time provided to transition from one standard or regulation to a new version, to be issues warranting amendment.  This regulatory proposal covers five types of requirements related to carriages and strollers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mechanical</li><li>2. Surface coating materials</li></ol>

3. Toxicological

4. Phthalates

5. Information and warnings

The proposed repeal and replace of the Carriages and Strollers Regulations would:

(a) align mechanical requirements with those in other jurisdictions through ambulatory incorporation by reference of international standards, including a period when a new version of a standard incorporated by reference is published that would allow 180 days to manufacture or import and 365 days to advertise or sell products that meet either the new or the previous version of the standard;

(b) align surface coating materials requirements with the proposed amendments to the *Surface Coating Materials Regulations* that were pre-published in *Canada Gazette*, Part I on April 24, 2021 (<https://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2021/2021-04-24/html/reg1-eng.html>), notified to the WTO as G/TBT/N/CAN/640;

(c) align toxicological requirements with the *Toys Regulations*;

(d) align phthalates requirements with the *Phthalates Regulations*;

(e) increase alignment of information and warning requirements with other jurisdictions, and maintain the official languages requirement for all information and warnings to be written in both English and French.

**7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** This regulatory proposal is expected to help reduce the number of injuries in children by adding mechanical, information, and warning requirements to address known hazards that arose after the current Regulations came into force, including strangulation, entrapment, and the integrity of car seat attachments. This regulatory proposal will also help prevent harmful health effects in children by addressing phthalates hazards in carriages and strollers. There are no expected safety benefits from the changes to the toxicological and surface coating materials requirements, the proposed changes are intended to update and clarify the terminology regarding toxicological and surface coating materials requirements. This regulatory proposal is expected to generate monetary benefits primarily through a reduction in costs to industry. Every company sampled during the cost-benefit analysis survey identified that some cost savings would occur as a result of not having to test to multiple mechanical standards when supplying the North American market because of the proposed Regulations' alignment with international standards.

**8. Relevant documents:**

*Canada Gazette*, Part I, 11 June 2022, pages 3099-3128 (available in English and French) <https://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2022/2022-06-11/pdf/g1-15624.pdf#page=226>

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** On the date of publication in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II.

**Proposed date of entry into force:** These Regulations would come into force on the day on which they are published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II. These proposed Regulations include a transitional provision that allows a product compliant to the current Regulations to continue to be manufactured, imported, advertised, or sold in Canada for 180 days beginning on the day the proposed Regulations come into force. During this time, regulated parties may comply with either the previous Regulations or the proposed Regulations.

**10. Final date for comments:** 20 August 2022

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

The electronic version of the regulatory text can be found at:

<https://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2022/2022-06-11/html/reg3-eng.html>

<https://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2022/2022-06-11/html/reg3-fra.html>