NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Israel **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 IndustryTel: + (972) 3 7347501E-mail: Yael.Friedgut@economy.gov.il |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****X],** **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):** Lead content in taps for use with drinking water; (HS: 8481); (ICS: 91.140.70) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Standards Order (Exemption for compliance with Mandatory Standards) (1 page(s), in Hebrew) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The voluntary standard SI 5452 dealing with testing of products for use in contact with drinking water was revised on 18 December 2016. This standard's edition added, among other requirements, a new limitation for the lead content in metal and plastic products in contact with drinking water and required that it shall not exceed 0.25% (by weight). A transition period for the entry into force of these requirements was set to 1 March 2018 for plastic products and to 1 March 2020 for metallic products, including taps and water pipes.The notified Exemption Order applies to taps and taps parts for drinking water covered by the scope of Israel's Mandatory Standard SI 1317 and SI 1347. It differs between kitchen taps and bathroom taps and requires that the entry into force of the lead content requirement for kitchen taps will remain 1 March 2020.The exemption applies to bathroom taps and postpone the entry into force with additional 4 months, until 30 June 2020.Other fixtures, detailed in section 1 of this exemption and bellow, are not intended for use with drinking water and therefore are exempt from complying with SI 5452 (according to section 5.1 of SI 1317 or to section 7.1 of SI 1347) until 1 March 2021, or until the Mandatory Standards SI 1317 and SI 1347 shall be revised, which ever comes first. The fixtures are as follows:* Concealed mixer valve taps designed for baths or showers but not for kitchens;
* Bath Fillers;
* Mixing valves combined with thermostat;
* Automatic taps with a liquid flow control device (mechanic or electronic);
* Specific washing machine taps;
* Taps for concealed flush toilets.
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| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** * Israel Mandatory Standard SI 1317 - Single tap and combination tap (May 2007) and Amendment 1 (April 2019);
* European Standard EN 200: 2004 (Adopted by Israel Mandatory Standard SI 1317);
* Israel Mandatory Standard SI 1347 - Mechanical mixing tap with a single handle (July 2006) and Amendment 1 (April 2019);
* European Standard EN 817: 1997 (Adopted by Israel Mandatory Standard SI 1347);
* Israel Standard SI 5452 - Testing of products for use in contact with drinking water (October 2016);
* AS/NZS 4020: 2005 (Adopted by Israel Standard SI 5452);
* NSF/ANSI 61 - 2015 (Adopted by Israel Standard SI 5452 as an alternative route of compliance).
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| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 26 February 2020**Proposed date of entry into force:** 26 February 2020 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 14 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/ISR/20_1763_00_x.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/ISR/20_1763_01_x.pdf> |