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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>SINGAPORE</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

National Environment Agency (NEA)

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:

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):
 - Water heaters (HS: 8516.10.19, HS: 8419.11.10)
 - Commercial storage refrigerators (HS: 8418)
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Key Amendments to the Mandatory Energy Labelling Scheme (MELS) and Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS) Requirements under the Energy Conservation Act (ECA); (4 page(s), in English)
- 6. **Description of content:** Singapore's Mandatory Energy Labelling Scheme (MELS) and Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS), implemented in 2008 and 2011 respectively, are policy measures to raise the average energy efficiency of regulated goods used in Singapore. In line with this objective, MELS and MEPS will be extended to all water heaters and commercial storage refrigerators from 1 April 2025.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Improving energy efficiency of products to reduce energy consumption and contribute to Singapore's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions arising from the use of such products. ; Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents:

- *Draft* Energy Conservation (Prescribed Regulated Goods) (Amendment) Order 2024
- *Draft* Energy Conservation (Regulated Goods and Registered Suppliers) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

9. Proposed date of adoption: Notice will be published in Singapore's Gazette prior to the date of entry into force.

Proposed date of entry into force: 1 April 2025

10. Final date for comments: 60 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:

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https://www.nea.gov.sg/docs/default-source/our-services/energy-efficiency/householdsector/circular-key-amendments-to-the-mels-and-meps-requirements-under-theenergy-conservation-act.pdf