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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>CZECH REPUBLIC</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: State Office for Nuclear Safety Senovážné náměstí 9 110 00 Prague 1 Telephone: +420 221 624 746 Email address: pravni.oddeleni@sujb.gov.cz
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 codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Nuclear materials ICS: 27.120.99 other standards related to nuclear energy
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Draft decree amending Decree No 374/2016 on the accountancy and control of nuclear materials and reporting of information on them ; (13 page(s), in English), (13 page(s), in Czech) Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/CZE/25_08231_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/CZE/25_08231_00_x.pdf https://technical-regulation-information-system.ec.europa.eu/cs/notification/27473 https://technical-regulation-information-system.ec.europa.eu/en/notification/27473
6. Description of content: The present amendment to the Decree contains only the necessary individual changes to the original text that refine and simplify selected processes in the field of accountancy and control of nuclear materials on the basis of problems identified in application practice. The essence of regulation in this area is maintained. The main objective of the draft is to respond to the amendment to the Act, which made certain changes in the area of accountancy and control of nuclear materials. At the legislative level, the obligations of persons operating or intending to operate so-called safeguard facilities have also been clarified. The changes concerned requirements for safeguard facility projects, specifically compliance with technical requirements for independent power supply and lighting, and for structures and modifications thereto (see § 166(6) of the Act). These legal requirements are to be specified at the implementation level by the notified draft decree. The new legislation also reflects the planned construction of new nuclear installations and the design or development of small modular reactors (SMRs).

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:	<p>The draft decree amending Decree No 374/2016 on the accountancy and control of nuclear materials and reporting of information on them is being submitted in connection with the amendment to Act No 263/2016, the Atomic Act (hereinafter the 'Act'), i.e. Act No 83/2025 amending Act No 263/2016, the Atomic Act, as amended. The draft decree responds to the changes introduced by this amendment in the area of accountancy and control of nuclear materials, in particular the changes in § 166 of the Act. The proposed amendment reflects changes in the area of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, in particular the clarification of the obligations of persons operating or intending to operate so-called safeguard facilities. These changes are based on an evaluation of current practices in the implementation of safeguard facility inspections and on the requirement for more effective international inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency. At the same time, the draft decree adapts the newly adopted legislation at the European Union (Euratom) level. The aim of the draft amendment is to improve the already proven system of accountancy and control of nuclear materials in accordance with the obligations laid down by law, as well as to reflect the obligations or recommendations arising from the relevant international documents.</p> <p>Basic legislation - Act No 263/2016 - attached as part of notification 2024/0259/CZ. The versions uploaded to the TRIS database are effective until 31.12.2025 and from 1. 1. 2026. Decree No 374/2016, which is being changed by the amendment, was notified under number 2016/0298/CZ.; National security requirements</p>
8. Relevant documents:	<p>Basic legislation - Act No 263/2016, Decree No 374/2016</p>
9. Proposed date of adoption:	27 February 2026
Proposed date of entry into force:	1 March 2026
10. Provision of comments	<p>Final date for comments: 30 January 2026</p> <p>[] 60 days from notification</p> <p>Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:</p> <p>Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing WTO/TBT Enquiry Point Biskupský dvůr 1148/5 110 00 Prague 1 - Czech Republic Telephone: +420 221 802 194 Email adress: wto.tbt@unmz.gov.cz https://unmz.gov.cz/en/international-relations-2/wto-tbt/information-centre-wto-tbt/</p>