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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>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) PO Box 5013 Wellington 6140 New Zealand
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): See ICS codes table attached.
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Electricity (Safety) Amendment Regulations 2025 and Gas (Safety and Measurement) Amendment Regulations 2025; (81 page(s), in English) Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/NZL/26_01249_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amendments to the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010 (the ESR) and the Gas (Safety and Measurement) Regulations 2010 (the GSMR) will update approximately 440 citations of standards, alongside a range of technical updates.• The Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010 and the Gas (Safety and Measurement) Regulations 2010 (the regulations) set benchmarks for safe electricity and gas networks, installations, appliances, and associated fittings in New Zealand.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The key changes are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updates to 50 citations in Schedule 2 of the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010, primarily to the latest available version of the same standard, including in relation to solar technologies.• Updates to 309 citations in Schedule 4 of the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010, primarily to the latest available version of the same standard.• Introduction of 53 new citations in Schedule 4 of the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010, addressing a range of technologies, including (but not limited to) refrigerating systems, electrical vehicles, and transportable tools.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates to 22 citations in Schedule 1 of the Gas (Safety and Measurement) Regulations 2010, primarily to the latest available version of the same standard. o Additional to citation updates, these changes will also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update references to Gas compliance bodies in the Gas (Safety and Measurement) Regulations 2010 to recognise current European, Australian, and British gas certification bodies. • Restructure parts of Schedule 4 of the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010 to better categorise products covered in these regulations. o These changes ensure the regulations are as up to date as possible and meet international standards. This will remove existing barriers and costs for both consumers and suppliers and move us closer in line to our international counterparts.
<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety; Harmonization</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <p>https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/31586-electricity-safety-amendment-regulations-2025-and-gas-safety-and-measurement-amendment-regulations-2025-proactiverelase-pdf</p> <p>https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2025/0225/latest/whole.html</p> <p>https://legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2025/0226/latest/LMS1525328.html</p>
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: 1 November 2025</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: 1 November 2026</p>
<p>10. Provision of comments</p> <p>Final date for comments: Not Applicable</p> <p>[] 60 days from notification</p> <p>Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:</p> <p>TBT Enquiry Point of New Zealand Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) Level 6, 15 Stout Street, Wellington 6011; Email: wto@standards.govt.nz</p>