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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 2 May 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of <u>Canada</u>.

Title: Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Concerning the Disclosure of Cosmetic Ingredients

Reason for Addendum: [] Comment period changed - date: [X] Notified measure adopted - date: 12 April 2024 [X] Notified measure published - date: 24 April 2024 [X] Notified measure enters into force - date: These Regulations, except for the requirements for the disclosure of fragrance allergens, come into force on the 180 day after the day on which the Regulations are registered. The requirement for the disclosure of fragrance allergens comes in force on the second anniversary of the day on which these Regulations are registered. Text of final measure available from 1: [X] Canada Gazette, Part 2, Volume 158, Number 9: Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Concerning the Disclosure of Cosmetic Ingredients https://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2024/2024-04-24/html/sor-dors63-eng.html (English) La Gazette du Canada, Partie 2, volume 158, numéro 9 : Règlement modifiant certains des règlements divulgation ingrédients cosmétiques visant la des https://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2024/2024-04-24/html/sor-dors63-fra.html (French) Γ1 Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date: Relevant symbol if measure re-notified: [] Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from1: New deadline for comments (if applicable): [] Interpretive guidance issued and text available from¹: [] Other:

 $^{^{1}}$ This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

Description: The proposed regulatory amendments notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/691 (dated February 20, 2023) were registered on April 12, 2024 and published in the *Canada Gazette, Part* II on April 24, 2024 as the *Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Concerning the Disclosure of Cosmetic Ingredients* (SOR/2024-63).

The Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Concerning the Disclosure of Cosmetic Ingredients (amended Regulations) address a number of matters related to the requirements for cosmetics under the Food and Drugs Act and include consequential amendments to the Cannabis Regulations under the Cannabis Act.

The last significant amendments to the *Cosmetic Regulations* came into force in 2006, when disclosure of ingredients on cosmetic labels became mandatory. The *Cosmetic Regulations* permit the use of the term "parfum" at the end of the list of ingredients to indicate the presence of a fragrance ingredient, or a mixture of fragrance ingredients, in a cosmetic.

The amended Regulations address this issue by strengthening the labelling requirements for cosmetics and requiring the disclosure of certain fragrance allergens on cosmetic labels, when present at a concentration greater than 0.01% in rinse-off products and 0.001% in leave-on products. The amended Regulations incorporate by reference, on an ambulatory basis, fragrance allergens listed in Annex III of the *European Commission's Cosmetic Products Regulation* as well as the transition period set out in that Annex for future updates to substances identified for disclosure. This approach facilitates alignment with the European Union (EU).

The amended Regulations will also:

- introduce additional flexibility for the disclosure of ingredients of cosmetics sold in small packages;
- improve regulatory oversight of cosmetics through clarifying terminology, strengthening cosmetic notification requirements, and enhancing compliance and enforcement tools; and
- make changes of an administrative nature.