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Sub: TBT notification issued by Israel on protective clothing

Dear Member.

This is to inform you that Israel has issued a TBT Notification No G/TBT/N/ISR/869 on protective clothing.

The Israeli Ministry of Economy and Industry has issued this notification revising the Mandatory Standard SI-1258 dealing with test methods and safety requirements for protective clothing (high visibility warning clothing).

In this draft revision, the Israeli authorities have proposed to implement the European Standard EN ISO 20471-2013 and the American Standard ANSI/ISEA 107-2010 for testing and safety requirements for protective clothing (high visibility warning clothing). Imports of the said products can meet or complied with either of the standards. Please find attached the EU and US standards for your reference.

The major difference between the old version and this new revised draft standard is the modifications introduced to adopt these two standards. The revision,

- Requires that the sleeves of type 3 clothing should be long
- Facilitates the requirement for the material's strength
- Deletes the requirement for retroflective level 2
- Sterns the materials ageing test and requires that the background materials must be checked at the end of all cleaning cycles, as specified by the manufacturer

Further, the Israeli authorities also stated that, both the old standard and the new revised standard will be applicable for a period of 12 months from date of entry into force. During this time protective clothing could be tested according to the old or the new revised standards.

The primary objective of this revision is to allow and streamline exports of protective clothing which already comply with EU and US norms. The 12 months period is to check the adaptability and implication of new standard on exports into Israel.

For more details, please refer the <u>notification</u> and <u>regulation</u> (in Hebrew) attached in this mail.

A quick reference to high visibility apparel is enclosed.

New standard for high visibility clothing is enclosed.

Your input on this issue is extremely important for us to assist the Department of Commerce in responding to this notification. Kindly E-mail your comments to tbt@slg-india.com by 12th March 2016. We look forward to hearing your comments or suggestions.

Kindly forward your comments or suggestions to the Council at info@texprocil.org latest by 16th March, 2016

Regards,

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