NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Canada **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Health Canada**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:** Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry PointGlobal Affairs CanadaTechnical Barriers and Regulations Division 111 Sussex DriveOttawa, ON K1A 0G2CanadaTelephone: (343) 203-4273Fax: (613) 943-0346Email: enquirypoint@international.gc.ca  |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [****X], 5.7.1 [ ], other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Drug products containing controlled substances (ICS 11.120) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Notice to interested parties – Proposed regulations amending regulations under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act with respect to the destruction of controlled substances and international travel with controlled substances prescribed for personal medical use. (3 page(s), in English; 3 page(s), in French)  |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This regulatory proposal aims to provide a long-term solution to address three problematic areas that are currently only addressed using temporary measures: the destruction of unserviceable stock containing certain controlled substances by pharmacists, practitioners and persons in charge of hospitals; the return of prescription drugs containing controlled substances by individuals to pharmacies for destruction; and individuals entering or leaving Canada with controlled substances for personal medical use.This notice provides interested stakeholders with the opportunity to provide comments on Health Canada's intent to amend the *Narcotic Control Regulations* (NCR), the *Benzodiazepines and Other Targeted Substances Regulations* (BOTSR) and Part G of the *Food and Drug Regulations* (FDR-G) to address these identified gaps and inconsistencies. The publication of this notice in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, initiates a 60-day comment period.  |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of public health and public safety. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** *Canada Gazette*, Part I, 28 October 2017, Pages 4128-4130 (Available in English and French)  |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:**Anticipated for Summer 2019**Proposed date of entry into force:**Upon publication in Canada Gazette, Part II |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 26 December 2017 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at:<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/CAN/17_4949_00_e.pdf> |