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## NOTIFICATION

### *Addendum*

The following communication, dated 18 August 2016, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the European Union.

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The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that the draft Commission Directive amending, for the purpose of adapting to technical progress, Annex II to Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Safety of Toys has been amended.

The amendments concern the following points:

- A formal aspect was modified. The draft Commission Directive notified in September 2014 has been converted to a proposal for a Council Directive amending, for the purpose of adapting to technical progress, Annex II to Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the safety of toys, as regards lead.
- The limit values are identical to those in notification G/TBT/N/EU/243 of 25 September 2014. One important element of setting the limit values had to be confirmed by an appropriate independent scientific opinion, which took some time.
- The entry into force is postponed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2018 taking into account the delay in the adoption of the text which is expected in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2017.

The text of the proposed Council Directive is available on the EU-TBT website: <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/>

[https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/EEC/16\\_3388\\_00\\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/EEC/16_3388_00_e.pdf)

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