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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: EUROPEAN UNION

If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

European Commission

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:

European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: <u>grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu</u> Website: <u>http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/</u>

- 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 or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Short-range devices (radio equipment)
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Commission Decision 2006/771/EC updating harmonised technical conditions in the area of radio spectrum use for shortrange devices and repealing Commission Decision 2014/641/EU on harmonised technical conditions of radio spectrum use by wireless audio programme making and special events equipment in the Union; (5 page(s), in English), (30 page(s), in English)
- 6. **Description of content:** This draft Commission Implementing Decision requires EU Member States to designate and make available on a non-exclusive, non-interference and non-protected basis the frequency bands for several categories of short-range devices (SRD) which are subject to specific technical conditions, as laid down in the technical annex.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: This draft Commission Implementing Decision will amend the short-range devices Decision (the SRD Decision Decision 2006/771/EC as last amended by Decision (EU) 2022/180) by replacing the technical annex in place with an updated version so as to respond to changes in technology and societal demands leading to new Short Range devices and applications. It is also possible to merge other existing Decisions pertaining to the use of spectrum by short range devices (such as wireless audio PMSE devices) into the generic SRD Decision 2006/771/EC. Among other things, the current update adds a new entry in the frequency range 76-77 GHz for High-Definition Ground Based Synthetic Aperture Radars (HD-GBSAR) and two new entries for security scanners in the frequency

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ranges 69.8-79.9 GHz and 76.5-80.5 GHz. A new category of short range devices "Audio PMSE devices" is created to include new entries in the 800 MHz and 1800 MHz frequency bands. Subsequently, Decision 2014/641/EU on harmonised technical conditions of radio spectrum use by wireless audio programme making and special events equipment in the Union can be repealed.

8. Relevant documents:

Relevant documents: Short-Range Devices Decision (the SRD Decision – Decision 2006/771/EC as last amended by Decision (EU) 2022/180):

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D0180

9. Proposed date of adoption: January 2025

Proposed date of entry into force: January 2025

10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: <u>grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu</u> The text is available on the EU-TBT Website : <u>http://ec.europa.eu/growth/toolsdatabases/tbt/en/</u> <u>https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/EEC/24_04954_00_e.pdf</u>

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