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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. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u>
  If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
- 2. Agency responsible: Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS)

  Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:

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- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 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): Batteries, Digital door lock, Bicycles subject to the Self-Regulatory Safety Confirmation system
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposed amendments of Safety Criteria(technical regulations) on Batteries, Digital door locks and Bicycles (available in Korean).
- 6. Description of content:

The safety criterion on lithium-ion batteries is introduced in the safety criterion on batteries which are previously subject to the Self-Regulatory Product Safety Confirmation system.

- The safety criterion on lithium-ion batteries is adopted by referring the relevant parts of IEC 62133 and the testing conditions of external short circuit, thermal abuse, and crushing of cells are strengthened;
- The batteries expected to be exposed to a high temperature, such as the batteries of navigation devices built in vehicles shall be tested for 7 hours at the temperature of 90°C.

The environmental tests are introduced in the safety criterion on the digital door lock.

The hinge strength test for a folding bike and the mechanical impact test for a body of semimountain bike are introduced in the safety criterion on bicycles.

- \* Items subject to the Self-Regulatory Safety Confirmation system are required to confirm their safety prior to delivery of goods to the market or customs clearance by reporting to certification body with test and inspection result conducted by designated testing and inspection laboratories.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection
- **8. Relevant documents:** KATS Notice No. 2008-289 (16 October 2008)
- 9. Proposed date of adoption:
  Proposed date of entry into force:

  Becember 2008 or later
- **10. Final date for comments:** 60 days from date of notification
- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:

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