

6. Colombia — batteries imported into or manufactured in Colombia

Colombia has introduced a technical regulation applicable to zinc-carbon and alkaline cells and batteries imported into or manufactured in Colombia. The new regulation requires the removal of these kinds of batteries from any products that enter to the Colombian markets, to protect the environment and human health. Mexico, supported by the US, expressed concerns about the negative impact this regulation will have on the toy industry, which usually provide batteries inside toys. Mexico explained that this regulation would require their industries to have a separate line of production which would be more costly. Colombia said that this measure was already adopted and will go into effect as of January 2019, but it would nevertheless welcome comments from other Members.