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Russian Federation – Labelling of various products including clothes, shoes and tobacco.

The EU expressed its concern over a new Russian measure imposing mandatory labelling on a wide range of products, including tobacco, perfumes, clothing including footwear and pharmaceutical products. The EU urged Russia to notify the measure to the WTO and to allow members to comment. Information, they said, is needed about the means of compliance so that industry could adapt.

Russia said it published a list of products for which the identification and traceability labelling will apply and the date for the introduction of this system to different products. According to Russia, the purpose of this measure is to improve trademark protection and to protect sensitive products against counterfeiting. Russia said this measure does not fall under the scope of the TBT Agreement.