

SPECIFIC TRADE CONCERNS (Retirado do documento G/TBT/M/41)

New Concerns

UE x Brasil - Mandatory certification of batteries

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The representative of the European Communities expressed concern about a public consultation launched by the Brazilian regulatory agency for telecommunications, Anatel, on mandatory certification for mobile phone batteries. He noted that this consultation had been held in the fall of 2006 and requested the Brazilian delegation to give an update of the state of play of the issue. What had the results been of the public consultation? Was the regulatory agency pursuing the plan to introduce mandatory certification for batteries? It was the EC understanding that the background of this issue was the explosion of some mobile phone batteries during use. As exploding batteries were caused by use of non-original batteries, the mandatory certification requirement would constitute a significant barrier to trade which would not add value to the consumer.

The representative of Brazil took note of the concern.

Previously Raised Concern

Brasil x UE - Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH)

European Communities - Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH) (G/TBT/N/EEC/52, Add. 1-3 and Add.3/Rev.1)

The representative of Brazil requested more information on the concrete steps and programmes that had been taken to provide technical assistance to developing countries.