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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: AUSTRALIA If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Australian Building Codes Board, Housing Group, The Department of the Treasury
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 codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): PVC-C pipes and fittings DN 8 to DN 100 - Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid: (HS code(s): 39172); Fittings, e.g. joints, elbows, flanges, of plastics, for tubes, pipes and hoses (HS code(s): 391740)
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): WaterMark Certification Scheme - WMTS-541:202x <i>PVC-C pipes and fittings DN 8 to DN 100</i> ; (20 page(s), in English) Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request: https://app.converlens.com/abcb/wmts-5412025-pvc-c-pipes-and-fittings-dn-8-to-dn-100
6. Description of content: This Technical Specification sets out requirements for PVC-C piping systems (pipe, fittings, solvent cement) for use in cold water fire sprinkler systems. The system comprises PVC-C pipe and fittings in sizes ranging from DN 8 to DN 100. The Plumbing Code of Australia (PCA) requires that most products intended for use in plumbing and drainage installations in or around buildings to be evaluated and certified to WaterMark product specifications. WaterMark certification to an applicable product specification provides a process to evaluate and authorise products to enable their use in a plumbing and drainage installation. Thus ensuring that the plumbing and drainage products are fit for purpose for which they are intended. This WaterMark Technical Specification (WMTS) was prepared in accordance with the Manual for the WaterMark Certification Scheme, Appendix 4, Protocol for Developing Product Specifications. The objective of WaterMark Technical Specification is to enable product certification in accordance with the requirements of the Plumbing Code of Australia (PCA).
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The objectives of the Scheme are to establish the requirements for product certification and authorisation under Part A5 of the PCA and: a) to provide a process to authorise products to enable their use in plumbing and drainage installations as covered by the PCA, and

<p>b) to ensure that plumbing and drainage products are fit for the purpose for which they are intended and that their use in a plumbing and drainage installation throughout its serviceable life is suitable and does not create significant risks or any likely outcome of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) personal illness, loss, injury or death; (ii) on-site environmental degradation; (iii) contamination of the water resource; (iv) adverse impact on infrastructure (private or public); (v) contamination of water supplies from the point of connection to the points of discharge; or (vi) wastage of resources (water and energy).; Protection of human health or safety
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <p><i>Manual for the WaterMark Certification Scheme</i></p> <p><i>WaterMark Schedule of Products</i></p>
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined; in 2026</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined; in 2026</p>
<p>10. Provision of comments</p> <p>Final date for comments: 8 December 2025</p> <p>[] 60 days from notification</p> <p>Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:</p> <p>WTO TBT Enquiry Point Office of Global Trade Negotiations Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Canberra Tel: +(61) 2 6261 1111 Email: tbt.enquiry@dfat.gov.au Website: https://www.dfat.gov.au/</p>