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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>BRAZIL</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: National Institute of Metrology, Standardisation and Industrial Quality-INMETRO Telephone: +(55) 21 2563.2824 Telefax: +(55) 21 2502.6542 Email: barreirastecnicas@inmetro.gov.br Web-site: www.inmetro.gov.br/barreirastecnicas 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:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): Electrical switches (HS 8536.20)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Technical Regulation number 43, March 30 th 2001 (Portaria no. 43 de 30 de março de 2001), issued by Inmetro, on the conformity assessment procedures for electrical switches. (1 page, in Portuguese).
6.	Description of content: This Technical Regulation lays down the conformity assessment procedures for electrical switches for residential use, with voltages up to 415 V, nominal currents up to 63 A and short circuit currents up to 10kA.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer's safety
8.	Relevant documents: Brazilian Standards NBR 5361:1998 – Low Voltage Switches (Disjuntores de baixa tensão); NBR IEC 60947-2:1998 – Low voltage manoeuvre and command devices – switches (Dispositivos de Manobra e Comando de Baixa Tensão) - Disjuntores); NBR IEC 60898:1998 – Switches for surge protection of household and similar fixed-electrical installations (Disjuntores para Proteção de Sobrecorrentes para Instalações Domésticas e Similares)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } Not stated
10.	Final date for comments: Not stated
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: http://www.inmetro.gov.br/barreirastecnicas