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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.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>BRAZIL</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> National Institute of Metrology, Standardization 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 <b>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:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Tables and chairs as school furniture for children (HS: 94.03)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Ministerial Act number 249, 26 December 2002 (Portaria no. 249 de 26 de agosto de 2002), issued by Inmetro, on the conformity assessment procedures of tables and chairs employed as school furniture for children. (10 pages, in Portuguese).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Ministerial Act lays down the requirements for the conformity assessment procedures of tables and chairs employed as school furniture for children. It refers to Ministerial Act number 177, September 9 <sup>th</sup> 2002, issued by Inmetro (Portaria Inmetro no. 177 de 9 de setembro de 2002), which lays down the technical requirements concerning ergonomic, finishing and identification aspects, as well as stability and resistance aspects of the above mentioned furniture. It does not cover the furniture destined to users with special needs.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Consumer's safety.
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Ministerial Act number 177, 9 September 2002, issued by Inmetro (Portaria Inmetro no. 177 de 9 de setembro de 2002), Resolution and Annex of the National metrology Council number 02/97 (Resolução CONMETRO no. 02/97 e seu anexo); Brazilian Standard NBR ISO 9001:2001; ABNT ISO/IEC Guide 2:1998; NBR 5426:1985 – Sampling Plan and Procedure for Attribute Inspection (Plano de Amostragem e Procedimento na Inspeção por Atributos); Industrial Property Law number 9,279/96 (Lei de Propriedade Industrial no. 9.279/96)

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<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 30 December 2002 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 30 December 2002
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> Not stated
<b>11.</b>	<b>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:</b> <a href="http://www.inmetro.gov.br/barreirastecnicas">http://www.inmetro.gov.br/barreirastecnicas</a>