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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>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Department of the Environment 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: Canadian Enquiry Point, 200-270 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1P 6N7 Tel.: +1 613 238 3222, Fax.: +1 613 569 7808, E-mail: info@scc.ca
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 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): Small spark-ignition engines (ICS: 13.040.50, 65.060.70, 65.060.80)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposed <i>Off-Road Small Spark-Ignition Engine Emission Regulations</i> (English and French)
6.	<p>Description of content: The proposed <i>Off-Road Small Spark-Ignition Engine Emission Regulations</i> (hereinafter referred to as “the proposed Regulations”) introduce exhaust emission standards for off-road small spark-ignition engines developing no more than 19 kW (25 hp). These engines typically use gasoline fuel but liquefied petroleum gas or natural gas can also be used. Small spark-ignition engines are typically found in lawn and garden machines (hedge trimmers, brush cutters, lawn mowers, garden tractors, snowblowers, etc.); in light-duty industrial machines (generator sets, welders, pressure washers, etc.); and in light-duty logging machines (chainsaws, log splitters, shredders, etc.).</p> <p>The proposed Regulations, under Part 7, Division 5 of the <i>Canadian Environmental Protection Act</i>, 1999 (CEPA 1999), establish Canadian emission standards aligned with those of the United States (U.S.) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules for small spark-ignition engines. The proposed Regulations will apply to engines of the 2005 and later model year.</p> <p>The combustion of fuel in such engines contributes to air pollution, resulting in adverse impacts on the environment and on the health of Canadians. The proposed Regulations will help to mitigate these impacts by reducing or controlling emissions of pollutants such as hydrocarbons (HC), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), carbon monoxide (CO) and certain pollutants listed as “toxic substances” in Schedule 1 of CEPA 1999.</p>

The proposed Regulations apply to persons in the business of manufacturing, distributing, or importing for sale in Canada, small spark-ignition engines and machines.	
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health and the environment
8.	Relevant documents: Available upon request
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } Not stated
10.	Final date for comments: 28 May 2003
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: