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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated xx September 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Brazil.

This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology – Inmetro, issued Ordinance 259, 5 September 2018, in order to approve and make some adjustments and clarifications to the Conformity Assessment Process for Mattresses & Mats Flexible Polyurethane Foam, previously notified as Ordinance 79, 3 February 2011 (G/TBT/N/BRA/373/Add.1), revised by Draft Ordinance 258, 5 June 2014 (G/TBT/N/BRA/373/Rev.1) and adjusted by Ordinance 349, 9 July 2015 (G/TBT/N/BRA/373/Rev.1/Add.1).

The Ordinance 259, 5 September 2018 clarify that all mattresses and mats of flexible polyurethane foam produced and marketed in Brazil must meet the requirements of Ordinance 79/2011, complemented by Ordinance 349/2015.

The adjustments and clarifications made in relation to Ordinance 349/2015 were:

- It Rewords article 4^o;
- Includes paragraphs 1^o and 2^o to article 4^o;
- Rewords subsection III and VI of article 8^o;
- Includes Note 1 and paragraph 6^o to article 8^o;
- Rewords articles 10^o; 13^o; 14^o; 18^o

Besides, it emphasizes that the foams of the types hyper-soft, soft and viscoelastic, as properties described in the ABNT NBR 13579-1: 2011 standard, can only be used in the layer of composite mattresses and also, to determine that other materials (in addition to flexible polyurethane coating and latex foams) in mixed foam mattresses should be limited to 15%.

The adjustments and clarification made in relation to Ordinance 79/2011 complemented by Ordinance 349/2015 were:

- Includes Note 2 to item 1.1.1
- Includes Note 2a, 2b, and 2c and Note 7 to item 4.3
- Includes sub item 4.20
- Rewards item 6.1.1.4.1.2.1 (c)
- Includes item 6.1.1.4.1.2.2.6; 6.1.1.4.1.7; 6.1.1.4.2.6;

- Rewards 6.1.1.6.2
- And includes item 12.1.12.2

Other provisions of Ordinances 79/2011 and 349/2015 remain unchanged.

Comments will be accepted until 7 September 2018

The full text is available in Portuguese and can be downloaded at:

<http://www.inmetro.gov.br/legislacao/rtac/pdf/RTAC002530.pdf>
