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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: Brazil
If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

Agency responsible: National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - INMETRO

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- 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): Mattress supports; articles of bedding and similar furnishing (for example, mattresses, quilts, eiderdowns, cushions, pouffes and pillows) fitted with springs or stuffed or internally fitted with any material or of cellular rubber or plastics, whether or not covered. (HS 9404)

**Spring Mattress** 

- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Inmetro Ordinance No. 21, 17 January 2014: proposal of Conformity Assessment Requirements for Spring Mattresses. (15 pages, in Portuguese)
- **6. Description of content:** This text proposes procedures to assess conformity of Spring Mattresses by a compulsory third party certification, carried out by an accredited body, with a focus on performance to achieve user comfort and fair competition.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:

Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection

Quality requirements

8. Relevant documents: (1) Brazilian Official Journal (Diário Oficial da União) Nº 13, 20

January 2014, section 1, page 67; (2) Conmetro Ordinance  $N^{\circ}$  02, 6 May 2008 (Resolução Conmetro N. $^{\circ}$  02, de 06 de maio de 2008); Inmetro Ordinance  $N^{\circ}$  21, 17 January 2014 (Portaria Inmetro  $N^{\circ}$  21, 17 de janeiro de 2014); (3) Brazilian Official Journal; (4) ABNT NBR 5426

9. Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: Upon publication in the Official Journal after received comments have been taken into account.

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- 10. Final date for comments: 21 March 2014
- 11. Text available from: National enquiry point [ ], or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:

http://www.inmetro.gov.br/legislacao/rtac/pdf/RTAC002071.pdf