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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: INDIA

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

### 2. Agency responsible:

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:

Shri Kundan Kumar Deputy Secretary Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade Ministry of Commerce and Industry Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi Telephone: +91-11-23062651 Email: <u>kundan.kumar72@nic.in</u> Website: <u>https://dpiit.gov.in/</u>

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Gypsum based Building Materials.
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Gypsum based Building Materials (Quality Control) Order, 2023; (2 page(s), in English)
- **6. Description of content:** *Gypsum based Building Materials (Quality Control) Order, 2023.*

Gypsum based Building Materials are mainly Gypsum Plaster Boards. Gypsum boards have the specific advantage of being lighter than the boards of similar nature, such as fibre hard boards and asbestos cement building boards. Gypsum boards also possess better fire resisting, thermal and sound insulating properties.

*Gypsum boards* may be manufactured as plain, laminated and reinforced boards. Reinforcing materials generally used as glass, paper, vegetable fibres, etc.

The *Glass Fibre Reinforced Gypsum (GFRG)* Panel is a building panel made-up of calcined gypsum plaster, reinforced with glass fibres. The GFRG Panel is manufactured in semiautomatic plant using slurry of calcined gypsum plaster mixed with certain chemicals including water repellent emulsion and glass fibre rovings. The wall panels can be cut as per dimensions & requirements of the building planned.

The *Laminated gypsum boards* are used for laying for concrete ceiling. With concrete it combines firmly and represents readymade interior plastering.

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The *Glass reinforced gypsum boards (GRG)* are pseudo ductile materials having reasonably high flexural and impact strengths. GRG can be sawn, drilled, screwed or nailed like timber. It is resistant to white ant and termite and completely non-combustible.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where **applicable**: Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements

# 8. Relevant documents:

To be published in the Gazette of India

9. **Proposed date of adoption:** The date of notification in E-Gazette

Proposed date of entry into force: Six month from the date of notification in E-Gazette

### 10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification

# **11.** Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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