

1. Telecommunication Products- G/TBT/N/GBR/62 dated 04-May-2023

Notifying Member	United Kingdom
Type of Notification	Regular Notification
Economic relevance	Very High
Technical Relevance	Technical-New
Last Date to offer comments	03-Jul-2023

Proposal in brief

- a. United Kingdom has proposed a draft on the product security and telecommunication infrastructure (Security Requirements for Relevant Connectable Products) Regulations 2023.
- b. The draft of the Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure (Security Requirements for Relevant Connectable Products) Regulations 2023 supplement Part 1 of the Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Act 2022 as notified to the TBT Committee under symbol G/TBT/N/GBR/62.
- c. This notification covers consumer connectable products defined as an 'internet-connectable' product or a 'network-connectable' product. This relates to the HS Code List of Chapter 84 and 85.
 - a. In scope products include but are not limited to:
 - i. smartphones
 - ii. connectable cameras, TVs, and speakers
 - iii. connectable children's toys and baby monitors
 - iv. connectable safety-relevant products such as smoke detectors and door locks.
 - v. Internet of Things base stations and hubs to which multiple devices connect.
 - vi. wearable connectable fitness trackers.
 - vii. outdoor leisure products, such as handheld connectable GPS devices that are not wearables.
 - viii. connectable home automation and alarm systems
 - ix. connectable appliances, such as washing machines and fridges.
 - x. smart home assistants.
 - b. Laptops, PCs, medical devices, tablets without a cellular connection, smart charge points and smart metering products are out of scope.
- d. In this draft Regulation
 - a. Schedule 1 sets out minimum security requirements that apply to the manufacturers of relevant connectable products that must comply in relation to UK consumer connectable products for the purposes of section 1 (power to specify security requirements).
 - b. Schedule 2 sets out the conditions under which a manufacturer is to be treated as having complied with a security requirement for the purposes of section 3 (power to deem compliance with security requirements).
 - c. Schedule 3 sets out the list of products to be excepted from being considered relevant connectable products for the purposes of section 6 of the Act.
 - d. Schedule 4 specifies the information that the statement of compliance must include for the purpose of section 9 of (statements of compliance)
 - i. Statement of compliance must have:

- e. product (type, batch).
- f. name and address of each manufacturer of the product and, where applicable, each authorized representative.
- g. a declaration that the statement of compliance is prepared by or on behalf of the manufacturer of the product.
- h. a declaration that, in the opinion of the manufacturer, they have complied with either:
 - i. The applicable security requirements in Schedule 1; or
 - ii. The deemed compliance conditions in Schedule 2.
- i. The defined support period for the product was correct when the manufacturer first supplied the product.
- j. Signature, name, and function of the signatory; and
- k. the place and date of issue of the statement of compliance.
- e. These Regulations come into force on 29th April 2024 and extend to England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.

Analysis

- The objective of this measure is to protect consumers and businesses in the UK and the wider infrastructure. Stakeholders may examine the technical aspects of the regulation and offer their comments.