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## **Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

**NOTIFICATION** 

1. Notifying Member: AUSTRALIA

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

**2. Agency responsible:** Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)

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:

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- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 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): Quad Bikes commonly known as All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) an off road vehicle propelled by mechanical energy designed to travel on 4 wheels, with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control.
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Consumer Goods (Quad Bikes) Safety Standard 2019 (18 page(s), in English)
- **Description of content:** This draft Consumer Goods (Quad Bikes) Safety Standard 2019 specifies the requirements of the design, performance and construction of quad bikes and the form and content of markings and warnings to accompany them.
- **7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The objective of the Consumer Goods (Quad Bikes) Safety Standard 2019 is to reduce the number of fatalities and the severity of injuries associated with the use of quad bikes in Australia. In particular those caused by rollovers often resulting in the rider being crushed or asphyxiated. It does this by: improving the safety information available to consumers introducing minimum design, performance and construction requirements to all quad bikes through the adoption of certain sections of the US or European quad bike standards providing operators increased protection from being crushed or pinned by the quad bike in the event of a rollover reducing the frequency of rollovers of generaluse model bikes by introducing minimum stability performance requirements; Consumer information, labelling; Protection of human health or safety

## 8. Relevant documents:

https://consultation.accc.gov.au/product-safety/quad-bike-safety-standard-exposure-draft/supporting\_documents/Exposure%20Draft.pdf

- 9. Proposed date of adoption: The Standard will be adopted the day after it is registered Proposed date of entry into force: The requirements for all quad bikes will enter into force 12 months after it is adopted and the additional requirements for general-use model quad bikes will enter into force 24 months after it is adopted
- **10. Final date for comments:** 7 August 2019
- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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