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(Submitted by email)

Dear Ms. Gallant,

**Re: ICES-Gen, Issue 1: General Requirements for Compliance of Interference-Causing Equipment**

In February 2018, the Department requested the RABC create a working group to review draft versions of ICES-Gen, Issue 1. Further, the RABC was requested to make the draft standard available on its website and to receive comments as part of the World Trade Organization's (WTO) notification process.

The Board established a working group comprising of approximately twenty-five participants, of which five were non-members. The working group held one call to review the draft. During the review, feedback on the draft was provided to the Department. Additional feedback was accumulated following the call.


The RABC also forwarded seven comments received via the WTO notification process, to which the Department provided a response directly to the commenter (with a copy to the Board), and/or will consider the comments when it finalizes ICES-Gen.

Additionally, the RABC General Manager had several discussions with a representative from Whirlpool Canada regarding ICES-Gen (Whirlpool Canada submitted comments directly to the Department).

I am pleased to report that the working group has generally accepted the second draft of the standard (ICES-Gen, Issue 1 draft 6), as circulated by the Department following comments received during the RABC review call.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on the draft standard and look forward to its publication.

Sincerely,



J. David Farnes  
General Manager