NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** UNITED KINGDOM  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)  **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:**  UK TBT Enquiry Point  Trade Policy Group  Department for International Trade  Old Admiralty Building  London  SW1A 2DY  [TBTEnquiriesUK@trade.gov.uk](mailto:TBTEnquiriesUK@trade.gov.uk) |
| **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):** Electrical and electronic equipment  Electronic components in general (ICS code(s): 31.020)  More detail on product coverage can be found in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012 (RoHS Regulations) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2023; (5 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** These measures will amend the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012 ("the RoHS Regulations") as they apply in England and Wales, and Scotland.  Regulation 2 will revoke exemptions in the RoHS Regulations, which relate to mercury in different types of lighting. Column 5 of Table 1 of Schedule A2 of the RoHS Regulations for entries 1 – 9.4 states the categories of electrical and electronic equipment to which these exemptions will apply.  For the exemptions in entries 1-9.4 in Table 1 in Schedule A2 of the RoHS Regulations that are to be revoked there are reliable mercury-free alternatives available for use in equipment and the substitution is scientifically and technically practicable. These exemptions will be revoked on the 1st February 2024.  For transparency purposes, it is of note that these amendments also renew the exemptions where there are no scientifically or technically practicable or reliable substitutes to mercury that would enable the relevant equipment to work properly. Entries 1-9.4 of Table 1 in Schedule A2 of the RoHS Regulations detail those exemptions that are to be renewed. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Adaptation of existing legislation to scientific and technical progress, granting manufacturers adequate transition time for compliance; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012 (The RoHS Regulations):  <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/3032/made>  [Restriction of hazardous substances (RoHS): determinations on exemption applications - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/restriction-of-hazardous-substances-rohs-determinations-on-exemption-applications) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** June 2023  **Proposed date of entry into force:** The notified revocations will come into effect from the 1st February 2024.  All exemption expiry dates are individually listed in Column 6 of Table 1 in Schedule A2 of the draft statutory instrument |
| **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:**  UK TBT Enquiry Point  Trade Policy Group  Department for International Trade  Old Admiralty Building  London  SW1A 2DY  [TBTEnquiriesUK@trade.gov.uk](mailto:TBTEnquiriesUK@trade.gov.uk)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/TBT/GBR/23_2075_00_e.pdf> |