NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Republic of Korea  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Environment  **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:**  Chemicals Policy Division, Ministry of Environment,  Building #6, 11, Doum 6-ro, Sejong, 30103, Republic of Korea Tel: 82-44-201-6784; Fax: 82-44-201-6786 Email: [mjkang4@korea.kr](mailto:mjkang4@korea.kr)  Website: [www.me.go.kr](http://www.me.go.kr) |
| **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):** Chemical substances |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Proposed draft of "Regulation on Designation, etc. of Substances subject to Permission" under the Act on Registration, Evaluation, etc. of Chemicals (12 page(s), in Korean) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Title of Law: Proposed draft of "Regulation on Designation, etc. of Substances subject to Permission"  Major Contents:  **A. How to designate candidate substance(s) for substance(s) subject to permission (Article 3 & Attachment 1)**  1) The Ministry of Environment (ME) sets the method to select candidate substance(s) for substance(s) subject to permission, given each candidate substance's hazard whether it meets the standard of "MOE Public Notice on Substance subject to Intensive Control" or not, total amount distributed in Korea, the scope of its users, and relevant overseas regulations.  **B. Public consultation for each candidate substance (Article 3 to 5 & Attachment 2)**  1) ME publishes each candidate substance's name, distributed amount, relevant overseas regulations and the period of public consultation beforehand. Then, ME conducts detailed survey on distribution of the candidate substance and reviews its risk, and makes the results available to the public, and carries out a consultation regarding hazards, specific uses, and alternative substances and technologies, and so forth.  **C. Discussion with manufacturer, importer, user, etc. (Article 6 & Article 7)**  1) Based on the results of the public consultation about each candidate substance, ME sets the priority of candidate substances to designate substances subject to permission. Then, ME discusses with manufacturers, importers and (downstream) users according to the priority in order to determine which use will be exempted from permission, how long the grace period of permission will be, and so on.  **D. Procedure for designating and publicly announcing substance(s) subject to permission (Article 8 & Article 10)**  1) ME establishes and informs its plan for designating substance(s) subject to permission. Then, ME designates and publicly announces substance(s) subject to permission after the deliberation of the Chemicals Evaluation Committee.  **E. Data protection, etc. (Article 9, Article 11, and Article 12)**  1) ME prohibits disclosure of confidential business information (CBI) that may happen when reviewing the submitted data in the process of designating candidate substance(s) and substance(s) subject to permission. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Harmonization with the higher law (Act on Registration, Evaluation, etc. of Chemicals); Protection of human health or safety; Harmonization |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Ministry of Environment Public Notice No. 2022-91 (22 February 2022) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 15 October 2022  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 15 October 2022 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Korea WTO TBT Enquiry Point Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Division Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) 93 Isu-ro Maengdong-myeon Eumseong-gun Chungchungbuk-do  27737 +(82) 43 870 5525 +(82) 43 870 5682 (Fax) [tbt@korea.kr](mailto:tbt@korea.kr) <http://www.knowtbt.kr>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/KOR/22_1687_00_x.pdf> |