NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** New Zealand  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Level 10, Grant Thornton House 215 Lambton Quay Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay Wellington 6140 New Zealand Ph +64 4 916 2426 Email [info@epa.govt.nz](mailto:info@epa.govt.nz) [www.epa.govt.nz](http://www.epa.govt.nz)  **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:** |
| **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):** This notification covers all chemical substances that meet the definition of "hazardous substance" in Section 2 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996, and that exceed the thresholds set in the Hazardous Substances (Minimum Degrees of Threshold) Notice 2017. This is equivalent to the coverage of the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Consultation Document: Implementation of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, Revision 7 (2017). (60 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This consultation document is seeking input on a range of proposals related to moving New Zealand from its current hazard classification system for hazardous substances, which dates from 2001, to Revision 7 (2017) of the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). This consultation document also includes an exposure draft of the new Hazardous Substances (Classification) Notice, the legislation that implements the classification system for hazardous substances under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Adopting the GHS 7 system will ensure an internationally aligned classification system for hazardous substances that facilitates trade, increases efficiency in chemicals management, and enhances the effectiveness of the HSNO Act. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  Consultation Document (incl exposure draft of Hazardous Substances (Classification) Notice): [<https://www.epa.govt.nz/public-consultations/open-consultations/proposal-to-change-the-classification-system-for-hazardous-substances-in-new-zealand/>](https://www.epa.govt.nz/public-consultations/open-consultations/proposal-to-change-the-classification-system-for-hazardous-substances-in-new-zealand/)  GHS 7th revised edition, 2017 to be incorporated by reference into the Classification Notice: [<https://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs_rev07/07files_e.html>](https://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs_rev07/07files_e.html)) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** April 2021  **Proposed date of entry into force:** The new Classification Notice is proposed to come into force in April 2021. A two year transition period to implement the changes will be provided for. |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 9 January 2020 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Level 10, Grant Thornton House 215 Lambton Quay Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay Wellington 6140 New Zealand Ph +64 4 916 2426 Email [info@epa.govt.nz](mailto:info@epa.govt.nz) [www.epa.govt.nz](http://www.epa.govt.nz) |