NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** RWANDA  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA)  Inyota House KG7, AVE  P.O.BOX 7436, Kigali, Rwanda  Tel: +250 738503663  Email: [info@rema.gov.rw](mailto:info@rema.gov.rw)  Website: www.rema.gov.rw  **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 [****], 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):** PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF (HS code(s): 39) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** GUIDELINES ON PROCEDURE AND CONDITIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY TO GRANT EXCEPTIONAL PERMISSION TO MANUFACTURE, USE, IMPORT OR SELL SINGLE-USE PLASTIC ITEMS OR PACK GOODS IN SINGLE-USE PLASTICS; (3 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Since manufacture, importation, use and sale single-use plastics and plastic carry bags are prohibited in Rwanda (Law No. 17/2019 of 10/08/2019), this guideline provides exceptional cases where the prohibited items may be required for the possibility to apply for a special authorization. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety; Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements; Harmonization; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** - |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **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:**  Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA)  Inyota House KG7, AVE  P.O.BOX 7436, Kigali, Rwanda  Tel: +250 738503663  Email: [info@rema.gov.rw](mailto:info@rema.gov.rw)  Website: www.rema.gov.rw  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/TBT/RWA/23_1253_00_e.pdf> |