



### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> European Commission <b>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:</b>  European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43 E-mail: <a href="mailto:grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu">grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu</a> Website: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/">http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], other [ ]:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Articles made of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) containing lead and lead compounds.
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards lead and its compounds (6 pages + Annex 4 pages, in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This draft Regulation would amend entry 63 to Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.  It would prohibit the use of lead and lead compounds in articles produced from polymers or copolymers of vinyl chloride as well as their placing on the market in articles produced from PVC if the concentration of lead (expressed as metal) is equal to or greater than 0.1% by weight of the PVC material. Time-limited exemptions from this limit are provided for rigid and flexible recycled PVC material and for PVC-silica separators in lead acid batteries.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> To reduce releases of lead during the service life of PVC articles thereby contributing to reducing direct and indirect exposure to lead, a toxic metal

**8. Relevant documents:**

- Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH Regulation): <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1423064258789&uri=CELEX:32006R1907>
- [Annex XV dossier for restriction and opinions of ECHA Committees](#)

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019

**Proposed date of entry into force:** 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU. Application of the restriction on the placing of the market of the articles would be deferred for 24 months after entry into force.

**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:**

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The text is available on the EU-TBT Website:

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