

AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Notification under Article 5

SINGAPORE

The following communication, dated 30 September 2009, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Singapore.

(a) List of products subject to import licensing procedures

With effect from 31 Jan 2008, the Environmental Pollution Control Act has been renamed the "Environment Protection and Management Act". The Environment Protection and Management Act (Amendment of Second Schedule) Order 2008 has come into operation. This Order amends Part I of the Second Schedule by inserting the following 18 additional items:

1)	Acetyl bromide
2)	Allyl isothiocyanate
3)	Antimony trihydride
4)	Boron tribromide
5)	Carbon monoxide
6)	Fipronil
7)	Hexachloroethane
8)	Mirex
9)	Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS)
10)	Phosphorus oxybromide
11)	Phosphorus pentabromide
12)	Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs), the following : Penta-brominated diphenyl ether Octa-brominated diphenyl ether Deca-brominated diphenyl ether
13)	Pyrethroid compounds used as pesticides, the following: Fenvalerate
14)	Sodium Azide
15)	Sulphuryl chloride
16)	Sulphuryl fluoride
17)	Tributyl tin compounds
18)	Tungsten hexafluoride

All products listed under the Second Schedule to the Environmental Protection and Management Act (Chapter 94A) are subject to import licensing procedures.

(b) Contact point for information on eligibility

Pollution Control Department, National Environment Agency, 40 Scotts Road, #12-00, Singapore 228231. Fax: (65) 68362294

(c) Administrative body for submission of application

See above.

(d) Date and name of publication where licensing procedures are published

Environmental Protection and Management Act (Chapter 94A) [amended via S43/2008, wef 31 January 2008]

(e) Indication of whether the licensing procedure is automatic or non-automatic according to definitions contained in Articles 2 and 3

The licensing procedure for Hazardous Substances (HS) Licence is non-automatic. The HS Licence allows the holder to import, possess for sale, sell, store and use HS controlled under the EPCA. The licence holder is allowed to deal only with the controlled HS stated in the HS Licence.

(f) In the case of automatic import licensing procedures, their administrative purpose

Not applicable.

(g) In the case of non-automatic import licensing procedures, indication of the measure being implemented through the licensing procedure

Checks will be made to see if the licence applicant has an approved site in Singapore for storing the controlled hazardous substances. The licence applicant may be a foreigner, but he must be employed by a company based in Singapore. The licence applicant is required to attend and pass the management of Hazardous Substances Course (MHS) conducted by Singapore Environment Institute (SEI).

(h) Expected duration of the licensing procedure if this can be estimated with some probability, and if not, reason why this information cannot be provided

Licensing procedure is ongoing as there is a continuous need to ensure public safety and environmental protection.
