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Committee on Import Licensing

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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

SINGAPORE

The following notification dated 6 September 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Singapore.

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying Member	Singapore
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	Environmental Protection and Management Act (Chapter 94A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Protection and Management Act (Amendment of Second Schedule) Order 2019 Environmental Protection and Management (Hazardous Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 2019
3	Date of Publication	12/07/2019
4	Date of entry into force	12/02/2020
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Protection and Management Act (Amendment of Second Schedule) Order 2019: https://sso.agc.gov.sg/SL-Supp/S491-2019/Published/20190712?DocDate=20190712 Environmental Protection and Management (Hazardous Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 2019: https://sso.agc.gov.sg/SL-Supp/S492-2019/Published/20190712?DocDate=20190712
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. <i>(Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No.
7	Type of notification	<input type="checkbox"/> (a) New licensing regulation/procedure ² ; (please answer question 8 to 14) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: G/LIC/N/1/SGP/5; (please answer question 15 and 16)
8	List of products subject to licensing	
9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Automatic: <input type="checkbox"/>

¹ It is understood that the notifying Member has also completed its notification obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) regarding the relevant law/regulation/procedure notified for by filling this form in a full and complete manner.

² "New licensing regulation/procedure" is understood to refer to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, and those which are in force but being notified for the first time to the Committee.

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10	Administrative purpose/measure being implemented	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals; (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment; (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; (e) <input type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (<i>i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.</i>) (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration; (g) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; (h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (<i>please specify</i>)
11	Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications	Ministry/authority and Department: Website: Telephone: E-Mail:
12	Contact point for information on eligibility	Ministry/authority and Department: Address: Website: Telephone: Tel: Fax: E-Mail:
13	Expected duration of licensing procedure	
14	A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages	
15	In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Termination (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension (c) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification of specific details in existing procedures: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Product coverage; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose; <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic; <input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing; <input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction; <input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants; <input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application; <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form); <input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge; <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions; <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures; <input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.); <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements; <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (<i>please specify</i>).

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16	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)	<p>The National Environment Agency (NEA) will be controlling 11 new chemicals as Hazardous Substance (HS), under the Environmental Protection and Management Act (EPMA) and EPM (Hazardous Substances) Regulations, in accordance with Singapore's obligations to the Stockholm Convention and Rotterdam Convention. The 11 new chemicals are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS – related compounds 2) Pentadecafluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds 3) Acetochlor; 4) Amitraz; 5) Atrazine; 6) Benzidine and its salts; 7) Bis(chloromethyl)ether; 8) Dinoterb; 9) Hexazinone; 10) Paraquat and its salts; 11) Lambda-cyhalothrin; <p>The licensing of the chemicals will take effect on 12 Feb 2020. Importers, manufacturers and distributors of these chemicals and products containing these chemicals will be required to apply for a HS licence/permit for the import, export, sale, store and use of the chemicals.</p>