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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

- Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u>
 If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
- **2. Agency responsible:** European Commission

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:

European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43 E-mail: <u>eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu</u>

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- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): Extender oils for the production of tyres or parts of tyres. Phthalates in toys and childcare articles.
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: 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 polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and phthalates (5 pages + 2 pages of annex, in English).
- 6. **Description of content:** The draft regulation is a mere technical amendment of certain elements of entries 50, 51 and 52 in Annex XVII to the REACH Regulation (originally notified under reference G/TBT/N/EEC/52). It does not affect the scope of the existing restrictions.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Entry 50 of Annex XVII to REACH is being amended to introduce European standard EN 16143: 2013 as the reference analytical method to determine compliance of extender oils used as oils for the production of tyres or parts of tyres with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) content limits defined in paragraph 1 of the current restriction. The reference to method IP-346 currently mentioned as the reference method is removed. In entries 51 and 52 of Annex XVII to REACH, related to phthalates in toys and childcare articles, an obsolete review clause is deleted.
- 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)

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9. **Proposed date of adoption:** Last quarter 2014 **Proposed date of entry into force:** Last quarter 2014

- **10**. **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification
- 11. Text available from: National enquiry point [], or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:

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