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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>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/">http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/</a>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Thermal paper containing bisphenol A in a concentration equal to or greater than 0.02% by weight
5.	<b>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 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards bisphenol A (4 pages + Annex 2 pages, in English)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This draft Regulation relates to a new entry in Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.  It would restrict the placing on the market of thermal paper containing bisphenol A in a concentration equal to or greater than 0.02% by weight.  Application of the restriction is deferred for three years to allow industry sufficient time to comply with the obligations described above.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> The exposure to bisphenol A from thermal paper receipts causes a risk to workers (cashiers).  The proposed restriction would also protect consumers as it would apply to the placing on the market of thermal papers. No significant burden on industry, the supply chain or consumers is expected. Bisphenol A has already been largely substituted by other substances.

<b>8. Relevant documents:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH Regulation): <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1423064258789&amp;uri=CELEX:32006R1907">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1423064258789&amp;uri=CELEX:32006R1907</a></li><li>• The opinions of the Committees for Risk Assessment (RAC) and Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC): <a href="http://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/9ce0977b-3540-4de0-af6d-16ad6e78ff20">http://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/9ce0977b-3540-4de0-af6d-16ad6e78ff20</a></li><li>• Further background information is available at: <a href="http://echa.europa.eu/previous-consultations-on-restriction-proposals/-/substance-rev/1894/term">http://echa.europa.eu/previous-consultations-on-restriction-proposals/-/substance-rev/1894/term</a></li></ul>
<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> Second half of 2016  <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU (the restriction will begin to apply three years after the date of entry into force)
<b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification
<b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</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>  The text is available on the Website: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/">http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/EEC/16_1583_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/EEC/16_1583_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/EEC/16_1583_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/EEC/16_1583_01_e.pdf</a>