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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	**Notifying Member:** EUROPEAN UNION **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: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/
3.	**Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 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):** Biocidal products
5.	**Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Commission Implementing Decision not approving PHMB (1600; 1.8) as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 5 (3 pages, in English)
6.	**Description of content:** This draft Commission Implementing Decision does not approve PHMB (1600; 1.8) as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 5. The scenarios evaluated in the environmental risk assessment identified unacceptable risks for the environment for these uses.
7.	**Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of public health and of the environment. Harmonisation of the EU market on biocidal products.
8.	**Relevant documents:** • Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products (OJ L 167, 27.6.2012, p. 1). Available in all EU languages: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32012R0528:EN:NOT • Opinion on the application for approval of the active substance: PHMB (1600; 1.8): http://echa.europa.eu/regulations/biocidal-products-regulation/approval-of-active-substances/bpc-opinions-on-active-substance-approval
9.	**Proposed date of adoption:** April 2017 **Proposed date of entry into force:** 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU (Application 12 months after adoption)

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:** European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43 E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu The text is available on the Website: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/ https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/EEC/17_0234_00_e.pdf