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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible: European Commission

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- 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): Chemical substance 1,7,7-trimethyl-3-(phenylmethylene)bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-one (3-benzylidene camphor) (EC No. 239-139-9, CAS No. 15087-24-8, HS code 291439)
- **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Commission Implementing Decision on the identification of 1,7,7-trimethyl-3-(phenylmethylene) bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-one (3-benzylidene camphor) as a substance of very high concern pursuant to Article 57(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council (4 pages, in English)
- **6. Description of content:** This draft Commission Decision aims at identifying 3-benzylidene camphor as a substance of very high concern due to its endocrine disrupting properties whose effects to the environment give rise to an equivalent level of concern according to Article 57(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH).
- **7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** 3-benzylidene camphor meets the criteria for its identification as a substance of very high concern in accordance with Article 57(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 due to its endocrine disrupting properties whose effects on the environment give rise to an equivalent concern to other substances of very high concern. The objective of this draft is to identify 3-benzylidene camphor as a substance of very high concern due to these properties and to include that substance in the Candidate List referred to in Article 59(1) of REACH. As a consequence, importers of articles containing 3-benzylidene camphor may have to notify the European Chemicals Agency no later than 6 months after publication in the Candidate list if certain conditions are met (Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006). Further information duties, necessary to allow the safe use of articles containing the substance or of the substance itself, are laid down in Article 31 and 33 of that Regulation.

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) (OJ L 396, 30.12.2006, p. 1). Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EU) No 517/2013 of 13 May 2013 (OJ L 158, 10.06.2013, p. 1) http://eurlex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1516726320538&uri=CELEX:32006R1907

The Opinion of the Member State Committee of the European Chemicals Agency of 8 June 2016: https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/73593810-fb17-4fe7-a949-9c39995b33ed

9. Proposed date of adoption: 25 April 2018

Proposed date of entry into force: 25 April 2018

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:

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