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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. Notifying Member: <u>SWITZERLAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Federal Office for the Environment FOEN 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: Federal Office for the Environment FOEN Air Pollution Control and Chemicals Division E-Mail: chemicals@bafu.admin.ch
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 substances
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Ordinance of the Federal Council amending the Ordinance on the Reduction of Risks relating to the Use of Certain Particularly Dangerous Substances, Preparations and Articles (Chemical Risk Reduction Ordinance, ORRChem) of 18 May 2005; 58 to 60 pages (depending on the language version); German, French, and Italian.
6. Description of content: New restrictions on the marketing on certain hazardous substances shall be introduced in several annexes of the Chemical Risk Reduction Ordinance (ORRChem). The proposed provisions on decabromodiphenyl ether (DecaBDE), perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and precursors, certain phthalic acid esters (DEHP, DBP, DIBP, BBP) in articles, cyclotetrasiloxane (D4) and cyclopentasiloxane (D5) in cosmetics, nonylphenol ethoxylates (NPEOs) containing textiles, ammonium salts in cellulose insulation mixtures and methanol in windscreen fluids are in line with those recently adopted in the European Union in the framework of the REACH regulation. To fulfill the requirements of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, the existing regulation on fluorinated greenhouse gases shall also be modified. This includes new restrictions for the placing on the market of certain stationary equipment and appliances with fluorinated refrigerants that act as greenhouse gases, as well as the servicing of certain stationary equipment with those refrigerants.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health and the environment from the adverse effects of hazardous chemicals

8. Relevant documents:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German: https://www.newsadmin.ch/newsd/message/attachments/56538.pdf• French: https://www.newsadmin.ch/newsd/message/attachments/56552.pdf• Italian: https://www.newsadmin.ch/newsd/message/attachments/56565.pdf
9. Proposed date of adoption: - Proposed date of entry into force: 1 June 2019, with substance specific transitional provisions as stated in part III of the Ordinance.
10. Final date for comments: 30 days from notification
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: The text is available on the Website of the Swiss Confederation. Links to documents in German and French (See also above under point 8): German: https://www.newsadmin.ch/newsd/message/attachments/56538.pdf French: https://www.newsadmin.ch/newsd/message/attachments/56552.pdf Italian: https://www.newsadmin.ch/newsd/message/attachments/56565.pdf