



NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. 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: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Articles where formaldehyde or formaldehyde releasing substances have been intentionally added in their production and that release formaldehyde into indoor air in concentrations higher than the limits established by the restriction. As well as road vehicles where formaldehyde or formaldehyde releasing substances have been intentionally added in their production, if the concentration of formaldehyde in the interior of those vehicles exceeds the limits established by the restriction
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 as regards formaldehyde and formaldehyde releasers; (5 page(s), in English, and 8 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: This draft Regulation would amend Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 by adding the following restriction on: the placing on the market of articles where formaldehyde or formaldehyde releasing substances have been intentionally added in their production if, under the test conditions specified in the Appendix of the restriction, the concentration of formaldehyde released exceeds 0.062 mg/m ³ for wood-based articles and furniture, or 0.08 mg/m ³ for other articles. As well as, road vehicles, where the concentration of formaldehyde in the interior of those vehicles exceeds 0,062 mg/m ³ . This restriction shall apply 48 months after its entry into force for road vehicles, and 36 months after its entry into force for all other articles within its scope.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: This restriction aims to decrease exposure to formaldehyde, a carcinogenic substance, via inhalation in indoor air. This concentration limit shall provide a high level of protection for the general public by reducing the exposure to formaldehyde in dwellings as well as other places where persons other than workers could be exposed to it, including in the interior of road vehicles; Protection of human health or safety
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): http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1423064258789&uri=CELEX:32006R1907 https://echa.europa.eu/registry-of-restriction-intentions/-/dislist/details/0b0236e181d5746d
9. Proposed date of adoption: Last quarter of 2022. Proposed date of entry into force: 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU.
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 EU-TBT Website : http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/ https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/EEC/22_3131_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/EEC/22_3131_01_e.pdf