



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): Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) articles containing lead and lead compounds.
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 lead and its compounds in PVC; (7 page(s), in English), (3 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: This draft Regulation would amend entry 63 to Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006. It would prohibit the use of lead and lead compounds in PVC articles. Moreover, it would prohibit the placing on the market of PVC articles containing a concentration of lead equal or greater than 0,1% of the PVC. The Regulation provides for a number of derogations to this restriction, inter alia for PVC-silica separators in lead acid batteries and PVC articles containing recovered rigid PVC. To benefit from the latter derogation, the recovered origin of the PVC material needs to be certified by an independent third party.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To reduce releases of lead from PVC articles, thereby reducing human exposure to lead, a toxic metal; 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>

[Annex XV dossier for restriction and opinions of ECHA Committees](#)

9. Proposed date of adoption: Fourth quarter of 2022.

Proposed date of entry into force: 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU. Application of the restriction on the use of lead stabilisers and the placing of the market of PVC articles containing lead would be deferred for 24 months after entry into force.

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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The text is available on the EU-TBT Website: <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/>

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