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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>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare Ministry of the Environment 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:
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): The following products in which short-chained chlorinated paraffins (straight-chain chlorinated hydrocarbons with chain lengths ranging from C10 to C13 and a content of chlorine greater than 48 per cent by weight) are used <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Lubricating, cutting and hydraulic oils2. Chemicals for flame-retardant treatment for textiles3. Plasticizers for resin and rubber4. Paints (limited to those for waterproof and anti-flammable)5. Adhesives and sealing fillers6. Fatliquoring agent for leather The following products in which decabromodiphenyl ether are used <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Flame-retardant textiles2. Chemicals for flame-retardant treatment for textiles, resin and rubber3. Adhesives and sealing fillers4. Flame-retardant floor covering5. Flame-retardant curtains6. Flame-retardant banner-flags The following products in which Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and its salts are used <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Etching agents (limited to those for uses in the manufacture of piezoelectric filters or of compound semiconductors which enable radio to transmit and receive radio waves with more than 3 MHz of frequencies)

2. Resist for semiconductors
3. Professional-use photograph films

5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Revision of the "Order for Enforcement of the Act on the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Their Manufacture, etc." (2 page(s), in English)

6. Description of content: Based on Article 17 and 22 of Act on the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Their Manufacture, etc. (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), the following will be designated as Class I Specified Chemical Substances which need authorization to manufacture or import.

1. short-chained chlorinated paraffins (straight-chain chlorinated hydrocarbons with chain lengths ranging from C10 to C13 and a content of chlorine greater than 48 per cent by weight)
2. decabromodiphenyl ether

Based on Article 24 of the Act, the following will be designated as products prohibited from importation when short-chained chlorinated paraffins (straight-chain chlorinated hydrocarbons with chain lengths ranging from C10 to C13 and a content of chlorine greater than 48 per cent by weight) are used in them.

1. Lubricating, cutting and hydraulic oils
2. Chemicals for flame-retardant treatment for textiles
3. Plasticizers for resin and rubber
4. Paints (limited to those for waterproof and anti-flammable)
5. and sealing fillers
6. Fatliquoring agent for leather

Also, the following will be designated as products prohibited from importation when decabromodiphenyl ether are used in them.

1. Flame-retardant textiles
2. Chemicals for flame-retardant treatment for textiles, resin and rubber
3. Adhesives and sealing fillers
4. Flame-retardant floor covering
5. Flame-retardant curtains
6. Flame-retardant banner-flags

Additionally, the following will be designated as products prohibited from importation when PFOS and its salts are used in them.

1. Etching agents (limited to those for uses in the manufacture of piezoelectric filters or of compound semiconductors which enable radio to transmit and receive radio waves with more than 3 MHz of frequencies)
2. Resist for semiconductors
3. Professional-use photograph films

It should be noted that some products used PFOS and its salts already notified by G/TBT/N/JPN/307.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To prevent environmental pollution by "short-chained chlorinated paraffins (straight-chain chlorinated hydrocarbons with chain lengths ranging from C10 to C13 and a content of chlorine greater than 48 per cent by weight)", "decabromodiphenyl ether" and "PFOS and its salts", which are potentially hazardous substances because of their non-biodegradability, high degree of bioaccumulation potential, and chronic toxicity, and therefore designated as Class I Specified Chemical Substances under the Act. This amendment is based on the decisions at the 8 th meeting of the Stockholm Convention in 2017. In addition, to prevent environmental pollution, some products, in which each chemical substance is used, will be prohibited from importation. PFOS and its salts were already designated as Class I Specified Chemical Substances under the Act in 2010.
8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Act on the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Their Manufacture, etc. (Act No. 117 of October 16, 1973) http://www.meti.go.jp/policy/chemical_management/english/cscl/files/laws/laws_cscl.pdf (in English)- The Cabinet Order of the Chemical Substances Control Law and amendments thereto (1974, Cabinet No. 202) http://www.meti.go.jp/policy/chemical_management/english/cscl/files/laws/laws_order_cscl.pdf (in English)
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