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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

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> European Commission <b>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:</b>  European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: <a href="mailto:grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu">grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu</a> Website: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/">http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Articles containing plasticised materials that may contain the four phthalates: bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP), benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) and diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP), benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) and diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) (and its accompanying annex) (6 pages + Annex 4 pages, in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This draft Regulation would replace entry 51 to Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.  It would prohibit the use as substances or in mixtures in a concentration equal to or greater than 0.1 % by weight of the plasticised material in toys and childcare articles of diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) and the placing on the market in articles of any of the listed four phthalates (bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP), benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) and diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP)), in a concentration that is equal to or greater than 0.1% by weight in any plasticised material in the article. Some derogations are provided.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> To reduce exposure to DEHP, DBP, BBP, DIBP phthalates present in articles via direct and prolonged dermal contact, direct contact with mucosa membranes, ingestion or inhalation.

<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH Regulation): <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1423064258789&amp;uri=CELEX:32006R1907">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1423064258789&amp;uri=CELEX:32006R1907</a> <a href="#">Annex XV dossier for restriction and opinions of ECHA Committees</a>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> Second half of 2018 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU. Application of the restriction would be deferred for 18 months after entry into force.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b>  European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: <a href="mailto:grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu">grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu</a>  The text is available on the EU-TBT Website : <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/">http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_1773_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_1773_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_1773_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_1773_01_e.pdf</a>