NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Republic of Korea  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of 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:**  Documents are available from the Ministry of Environment([www.me.go.kr](http://www.me.go.kr)).  Also available from:  Chemical Safety Division  Ministry of Environment  Building #6, 11, Doum 6-ro, Sejong, 30103  Republic of Korea  Tel.: (+82) 44 201 6840  Fax: (+82) 44 201 6830  E-mail: [hriver@korea.kr](mailto:hriver@korea.kr)  Website: <http://www.me.go.kr> |
| **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 subject to submission of chemicals verification result in accordance with the existing Chemicals Control Act, including chemicals subject to import declaration |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft partial amendment of the Chemicals Control Act (40 page(s), in Korean) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:**  1) The Ministry of Environment (ME) integrates the existing two regulations, which are the submission of the verification result of manufactured or imported chemicals and the import declaration of toxic substances, into a single regulation: "Notification of Chemicals Verification". Under the regulation, the government issues unique "Universal Chemical Tracking Number" to chemical substance to track and manage its use, storage and sales on the market.  2) The ME makes a legal ground that overseas manufacturer can appoint a representative and entrust the appointee with obligations of importer, including notification of chemicals verification, so that overseas manufacturer can protect its CBI and the government may impose penalty when false information is notified.  3) Off-site consequence analysis is not required to the laboratories of universities and research institutes, the facilities of elementary, middle and high schools, and a person who handles chemical substance in very small amount.  4) As regular and irregular examinations are performed in accordance with the Chemicals Control Act and the Act on Establishment of Safe Laboratory Environment in duplicate, the ME integrates them into an annual regular examination under the Act on Establishment of Safe Laboratory Environment. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** It needs to enhance the existing chemicals verification regulation swiftly in order to identify and understand which chemical substance causes a chemical accident when it occurs, and take appropriate safety measures. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Ministry of Environment Public Notice No. 2018-368 (3 May 2018), No. 2018-873 (28 Nov. 2018). |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 30 April 2019  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 30 April 2019 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 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:**  Technical Barriers to Trade(TBT) Division Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) 93, Isu-ro, Maengdong-myeon, Eumseong-gun, Chungcheongbuk-do, Chungcheongbuk-do, 27737 Republic of Korea Tel.: (+82) 43 870 5525 Fax: (+82) 43 870 5682 E-mail: [tbt@korea.kr](mailto:tbt@korea.kr) Website: <http://www.knowtbt.kr>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/TBT/KOR/19_0588_00_x.pdf> |