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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> 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP) manufactured, placed on the market or used as a substance on its own or in mixtures in a concentration equal to or greater than 0,3%.
<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 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (and its accompanying Annex) (4 pages + Annex 2 pages, in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This draft Regulation relates to a new entry in Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006. It would prohibit the placing on the market of 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP) unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the registration dossiers are updated with the new Derived No Effect Levels (DNELs) for inhalation and dermal exposure indicated in the proposal, which effectively set occupational exposure limits, and</li><li>manufacturers and downstream users comply with those values in the workplace.</li></ul> A general deferral of application of the restriction of 2 years is proposed to allow stakeholders to take the necessary compliance measures. For the wire-coating industry, which would need to replace part of its older production lines prematurely to comply with the new DNELs, a longer specific deferral of 6 years is proposed.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> To address the risks presented to workers by inhalation and dermal exposure to NMP.

<p><b>8. Relevant documents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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></li><li>• The opinions of the Committees for Risk Assessment (RAC) and Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC): <a href="https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/aa77c7c4-4026-4ab1-b032-8a73b61ca8bd">https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/aa77c7c4-4026-4ab1-b032-8a73b61ca8bd</a></li><li>• Further background information is available at: <a href="https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/f6cd9c0f-47b0-48d0-abfa-8e4224b3620e">https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/f6cd9c0f-47b0-48d0-abfa-8e4224b3620e</a></li></ul>
<p><b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> First half of 2018.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU.</p>
<p><b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification</p>
<p><b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b></p> <p>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></p> <p>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></p> <p><a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/EEC/17_3209_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/EEC/17_3209_00_e.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/EEC/17_3209_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/EEC/17_3209_01_e.pdf</a></p>