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 (ME) website ([www.me.go.kr](http://www.me.go.kr)). Also available from:  Chemical Products and Biocides Division  Ministry of Environment  Building #6, Government Complex-Sejong, 11, Doum 6-ro, Sejong-si, 30103, Republic of Korea  Tel: (+82) 44-201-6804  Fax: (+82) 44-201-6786  Email: [hyejink@korea.kr](mailto:hyejink@korea.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):** Active substance and biocidal product that want to be admitted its technical equivalence or similarity with already-approved active substance and biocidal product |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Proposed "Criteria for Admitting Technical Equivalence of Active Substance and Similarity of Biocidal Product, and Preparation of Relevant Dossier" (12 page(s), in Korean) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:**  1) The Ministry of Environment announces the criteria for admitting technical equivalence of active substance and chemical similarity of biocidal product, and the way how to prepare dossier submitted for it in accordance with Article 16 and Article 25 of the Act on Consumer Chemical Products and Biocides Safety (Law No. 15511, which came into effect on 1 January 2019)  2) When a person wants to obtain approval of active substance or biocidal product that have technical equivalence or chemical similarity with already-approved substance or product, the person may apply for it with simplified data requirements. This ME Public Notice states the criteria to determinate the equivalence or similarity, and share relevant human health and environmental hazard, and the way how to prepare the dossier.  The criteria define technical equivalence of human health and environmental hazard, and chemical similarity including impurities by comparing with already-approved active substance or biocidal product. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** To secure chemical safety of active substance and biocidal product before they are placed on the market, with a view to prevent any incidents like the humidifier disinfectant case |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * ME NOTIFICATION No. 2018-809 (30 October 2018) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 20 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, 27737 Republic of Korea  Tel.: (+82) 43 870 5525 Fax: (+82) 43 870 5682  E-mail: [tbt@kats.go.kr](mailto:tbt@kats.go.kr) website: <http://www.knowtbt.kr>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/TBT/KOR/19_2590_00_x.pdf> |