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The Environmental Protection (Controls on Perfluorooctane Sulphonate) Regulations [2005]

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

United Kingdom

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate

3. Originating Department

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs



4. Notification Number

2004/0413/UK – S50E

5. Title

The Environmental Protection (Controls on Perfluorooctane Sulphonate) Regulations [2005]

6. Products Concerned

The draft regulations refer to the following uses - Chrome-plating, Fire fighting foams, photographic, photolithography, and semiconductors.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The draft regulations relate to perfluorooctane sulphonate that includes perfluoro-octanyl derivatives, and any substance or preparation containing perfluorooctane sulphonate in a concentration equal to or greater than 0.1% by weight of the perfluorooctane sulphonate moiety. The regulations: prohibit the import into the United Kingdom of fire fighting foams containing perfluorooctane sulphonate; Prohibit the supply, storage and use of perfluorooctane sulphonate except for certain uses for a time limited period. These uses are in fire fighting foams, chrome plating, and named critical uses in photography, photolithography and semiconductors. If after the expiry of the time limited derogation there is a need to continue to store or use perfluorooctane sulphonate, an application may be made to the Secretary of State.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Perfluorooctane sulphonate is persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic and a risk to the aquatic and terrestrial environment. The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) hazard assessment (2002) concluded that it is suspected that it may cause cancer and it may be toxic for reproduction. This hazard assessment concluded that the presence and persistence of PFOS in the environment, combined with its toxicity and bioaccumulation potential indicated a cause for concern to the environment and human health.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) UK consultation on proposed national action to restrict the use of perfluorooctane sulphonate (PFOS) and substances that degrade to PFOS.

f) The environmental risk assessment is attached. It can also be obtained from http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/commondata/105385/pfos_rer_sept04_864557.pdf

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

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The impact assessment is attached.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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