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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: European Commission 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: European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43 E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): Polycyclic-aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in granules or mulches used as infill materials in synthetic turf pitches or in loose form on playgrounds or in sport applications. The term 'PAHs' is used as an abbreviation for: (a) Benzo[a]pyrene (BaP) CAS No 50-32-8 (b) Benzo[e]pyrene (BeP) CAS No 192-97-2 (c) Benzo[a]anthracene (BaA) CAS No 56-55-3 (d) Chrysen (CHR) CAS No 218-01-9 (e) Benzo[b]fluoranthene (BbFA) CAS No 205-99-2 (f) Benzo[j]fluoranthene (BjFA) CAS No 205-82-3 (g) Benzo[k]fluoranthene (BkFA) CAS No 207-08-9 (h) DiBenzo[a,h]fluoranthene (DBAhA) CAS No 53-70-3
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards Polycyclic-aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in granules or mulches used as infill material in synthetic turf pitches or in loose form on playgrounds or in sport applications (5 page(s), in English; 3 page(s), in English)

6.	Description of content: This draft Regulation would amend entry 50 of Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 by adding the following restriction on: Granules or mulches shall not be placed on the market for use, or used as infill material in synthetic turf pitches or in loose form on playgrounds or in sport applications if they contain more than 20 mg/kg (0,002 % by weight) of the sum of the eight listed PAHs. Definitions for granules, mulches, infill material in synthetic turf pitches and use in loose form on playgrounds and in sport applications other than synthetic turf pitches are also included. This restriction shall apply 12 months after its entry into force.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Rubber granules used as infill material in synthetic turf pitches originate predominantly from End of life Tyres (ELT) and other rubber articles. The eight PAH substances are found as contaminants in the rubber matrix. This restriction is intended to prevent a total content of all the eight carcinogenic PAHs of more than 20 mg/kg in granules or mulches used as infill material in synthetic turf pitches and granules or mulches in loose form on playgrounds or in sport applications. This concentration limit shall provide a high level of protection to human health (workers installing and maintaining the pitches and individuals playing sports on them and consumers, especially children); Protection of human health or safety
8.	Relevant documents: Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH Regulation): http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1423064258789&uri=CELEX:32006R1907 https://echa.europa.eu/registry-of-restriction-intentions/-/dislist/details/0b0236e181d5746d
9.	Proposed date of adoption: First quarter of 2021 Proposed date of entry into force: 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU. Application of the restriction would be deferred for 12 months after entry into force
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from notification
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43 E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu The text is available on the EU-TBT Website: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/ https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/EEC/20_5316_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/EEC/20_5316_01_e.pdf