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 Employment and Labor (MOEL)  **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 Employment and Labor (MOEL) website ([www.moel.go.kr](http://www.moel.go.kr)). Also available from:  Industrial Accident Prevention Policy Division  Ministry of Employment and Labor  Government Complex Sejong (Building No. 11, Room No. 704), 422, Hannuri-daero, Sejong-si, 30117  Republic of Korea  Tel.: (+82) 44 202 7697  Fax.: (+82) 44 202 8090  E-mail: [idler21c@korea.kr](mailto:idler21c@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):** Others - regulatory systems |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:**   * Draft of the Enforcement Decree of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (wholly amended by the ordinance of the Ministry of Employment and Labor) (156 page(s), in Korean) * Draft of the Enforcement Regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (wholly amended by the ordinance of the Ministry of Employment and Labor) (458 page(s), in Korean) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Enforcement Decree of the Occupational Safety and Health Act/ Enforcement Regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.  Amendments made to improve the current system by addressing some of its drawbacks: Statutory permissible levels have been established for 24 additional chemical substances (in addition to the current 13 chemical substances), including ethylene oxide, which have the risk of causing occupational diseases as they are highly harmful being carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic for reproduction; and a reasonable adjustment has been made to the statutory quantities of the 51 chemical substances subject to the mandatory submission of Process Safety Management (decreased for 18, increased for 18 and no change for 15). |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** To protect human health and safety, and to build a safe and healthy work environment by drastically reducing the incidence of industrial accidents |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Pre-announcement of legislation: Enforcement Decree of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (wholly amended by the ordinance of the Ministry of Employment and Labor, Notification of the Ministry of Employment and Labor No. 2019-186 (22 April 2019) * Pre-announcement of legislation: Enforcement Regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (wholly amended by the ordinance of the Ministry of Employment and Labor, Notification of the Ministry of Employment and Labor No. 2019-187 (22 April 2019) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 16 January 2020 |
| **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, 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_3361_01_x.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/TBT/KOR/19_3361_00_x.pdf> |