NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Australia  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Department of Agriculture, Water and the 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:**  Please submit comments to: Australian Technical Barriers to Trade Enquiry Point Email: [tbt.enquiry@dfat.gov.au](mailto:tbt.enquiry@dfat.gov.au) |
| **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):** All industrial chemicals used in Australia. This does not include chemicals used in therapeutic goods and agricultural and veterinary chemicals. |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft legislation to establish the National Standard for Environmental Risk Management of Industrial Chemicals (51 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The National Standard has been developed by all Australian governments to efficiently and effectively manage the impacts of industrial chemicals on the environment, while providing consistent requirements for businesses. The National Standard will be established by a legislative framework consisting of primary legislation and subordinate legislative instruments   * the Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Bill will, once enacted, establish a new decision-making framework * the Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management Register Principles is a legislative instrument that will establish decision making principles that inform decisions made under the Bill * the Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management Register is a legislative instrument that will record decisions on environmental management of chemicals, including assigning risk management measures for particular industrial uses, which will be implemented by the Commonwealth and each state and territory. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:**  This reform aims to:   * Achieve better protection of the environment through improved management of the environmental risks posed by industrial chemicals * Provide a nationally consistent, transparent, predictable and streamlined approach to environmental risk management of industrial chemicals for governments, industry and the community. * Work in conjunction with reforms to regulation of chemicals in Australia implemented under the *Industrial Chemicals Act 2019*, which will commence July 2020*.* |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Bill: [<https://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/consultations/542ab944-d7b9-4b66-a45e-74ba71fc7b23/files/exposure-draft-register-bill-2020.pdf>](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.environment.gov.au%2Fsystem%2Ffiles%2Fconsultations%2F542ab944-d7b9-4b66-a45e-74ba71fc7b23%2Ffiles%2Fexposure-draft-register-bill-2020.pdf&data=02%7C01%7CMichael.Cutts%40dfat.gov.au%7Cfdb110602eec4b29f9ad08d7bb14dd81%7C9b7f23b30e8347a58a40ffa8a6fea536%7C0%7C1%7C637183570598566514&sdata=Ujzf7vYD25m2gj5vuEcaHci6q%2BE2%2B%2FzTTHEvJYPk74Q%3D&reserved=0) * Draft Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management Register Principles: [<https://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/consultations/542ab944-d7b9-4b66-a45e-74ba71fc7b23/files/exposure-draft-register-principles-2020.pdf>](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.environment.gov.au%2Fsystem%2Ffiles%2Fconsultations%2F542ab944-d7b9-4b66-a45e-74ba71fc7b23%2Ffiles%2Fexposure-draft-register-principles-2020.pdf&data=02%7C01%7CMichael.Cutts%40dfat.gov.au%7Cfdb110602eec4b29f9ad08d7bb14dd81%7C9b7f23b30e8347a58a40ffa8a6fea536%7C0%7C1%7C637183570598576512&sdata=iVvTn0j%2FRrMsRfy%2BwP%2BSPp1vZcS4E4aomhT6k1hUoGE%3D&reserved=0) * Example Industrial chemicals Environment Management Register: [<https://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/consultations/542ab944-d7b9-4b66-a45e-74ba71fc7b23/files/exposure-draft-register-instrument-2020.pdf>](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.environment.gov.au%2Fsystem%2Ffiles%2Fconsultations%2F542ab944-d7b9-4b66-a45e-74ba71fc7b23%2Ffiles%2Fexposure-draft-register-instrument-2020.pdf&data=02%7C01%7CMichael.Cutts%40dfat.gov.au%7Cfdb110602eec4b29f9ad08d7bb14dd81%7C9b7f23b30e8347a58a40ffa8a6fea536%7C0%7C1%7C637183570598586505&sdata=58rBAkZBiEuFn%2F%2FnuM5NW12cHxqUiGRUqm9CYN6KkpM%3D&reserved=0) * Associated explanatory notes and information papers: [<https://www.environment.gov.au/protection/chemicals-management/national-standard/draft-legislation>](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.environment.gov.au%2Fprotection%2Fchemicals-management%2Fnational-standard%2Fdraft-legislation&data=02%7C01%7CMichael.Cutts%40dfat.gov.au%7Cfdb110602eec4b29f9ad08d7bb14dd81%7C9b7f23b30e8347a58a40ffa8a6fea536%7C0%7C1%7C637183570598586505&sdata=WGTeJc7NMup2%2F7dl2QyNVxjWgnualIpSHNRH%2BkfGqxg%3D&reserved=0) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **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:**  <https://www.environment.gov.au/protection/chemicals-management/national-standard/draft-legislation> |