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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: EUROPEAN UNION

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: <u>grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu</u> Website: <u>http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/</u>

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Hazardous substances and mixtures
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (COM(2022) 748 final); (54 page(s), in English)
- 6. Description of content: This Proposal concerns a targeted revision of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP) by clarifying certain provisions, by adding new provisions to simplify labelling, by adapting the Regulation to new market trends as online sales and digital labelling, by introducing classification rules for multi-constituent substances and by referring to new hazard classes as well as streamlining some procedures.

Amongst the new provisions, one is aiming at ensuring that all chemicals are compliant with the requirements under the CLP, including when placed on the market in the EU via online sales. The draft provision will require that companies placing chemicals on the EU market are either an EU supplier themselves or designate one.

In addition, some labelling requirements have been simplified (e.g. through an extended possibility to use fold-out labels) while others were adapted to new modes of sales (bulk sales, refill sales).

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where

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applicable:

Although in general the CLP works well, after 14 years of existence, it needed to be adapted to a changing economic and scientific environment.

The overall objective is to improve the protection of human health and the environment. The new provisions referred to above are aimed to ensure that these objectives can be fulfilled irrespective of the means of sale (online) and that the requirements can be better enforced.

Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents:

Commission Staff Working Document Impact Assessment Report Accompanying the document Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legalcontent/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52022SC0434&qid=1673279379748

Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, amending and repealing Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006

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9. Proposed date of adoption: 1st quarter 2024

Proposed date of entry into force: 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU (Certain provisions shall apply upon entry into force whereas others shall apply from the first day of the month following 18 months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation – most of the latter may be applied earlier on a voluntary basis)

10. Final date for comments: 90 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:

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