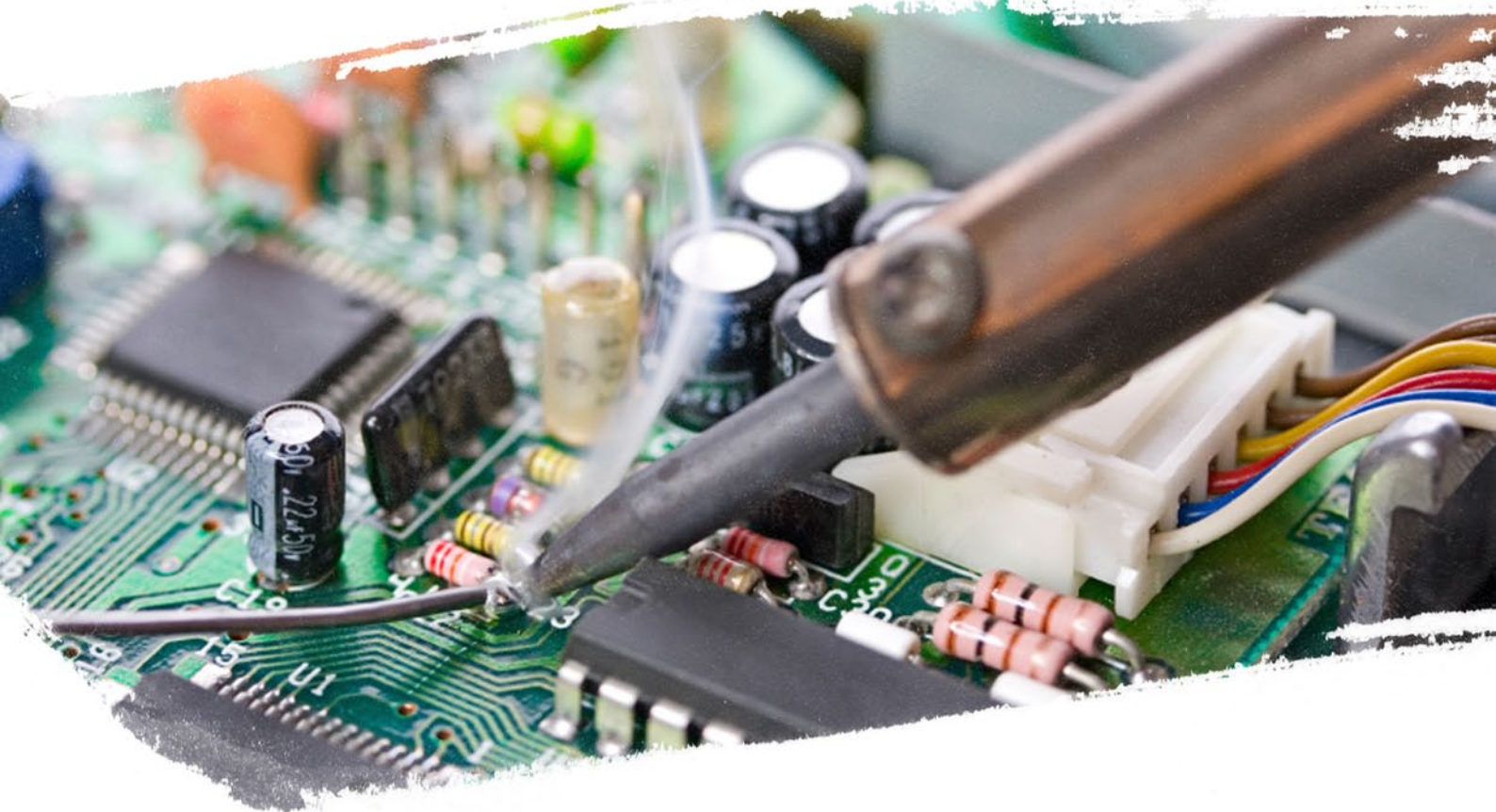




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Foreword

“Administrative Measures on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Products (EEPs)” (hereinafter referred to as “Administrative Measures”) was promulgated on January 6, 2016 and scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2016. To help stakeholders better comprehend all requirements of the “Administrative Measures” and ensure successful implementation of this regulation, Department of Energy Conservation and Comprehensive Utilization under Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) organized China Electronics Standardization Institute of MIIT, China Academy of Telecommunication Research, the 5th Electronics Research Institute of MIIT, and China Electrical Equipment Industrial Association, China Household Electrical Appliances Association, China Electronic Energy-saving Technology Association, China Household Electric Appliance Research Institute, and China Video Industry Association, *etc.*, to jointly compile this “Answers to Frequently Asked Questions on Implementation of ‘Administrative Measures on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Products’” (hereinafter referred to as “FAQs”).

During the formulation of the “FAQs”, expert opinions from the following foreign associations and institutions including Environmental Working Group of Executive Committee of Foreign Investment Companies (ECFIC), European Electrical and Electronics Industry, the United States Information Technology Office (USITO), and Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA), *etc.* Both domestic and international industry experts were also consulted. Approved by the National Development and Reform Commission, Ministry of Technology, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Commerce, General Customs of China and General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine, the “FAQs” were developed and hereby released to the public.

In case any stakeholder has questions related to implementation of the “Administrative Measures” and relevant supporting standards, *etc.*, please send an E-mail to bc@miit.gov.cn and wrfz@cesi.cn.

This document will be timely updated and adjusted according to the formulation and revision of the “Administrative Measures” and relevant supporting documents as well as the development of relevant technologies and industries.

Part I General Questions

Q1. Which laws and administrative rules are the higher-level laws of “Administrative Measures”? What’s the objective and significance for the formulation and revision of the Administrative Measures?

A: The Administrative Measures is one of the departmental regulations, of which the higher-level laws include “Law of the People’s Republic of China on Promotion of Cleaner Production”, “Law of the People’s Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Environmental Pollution by Solid Waste”, and “Regulations on the Administration of the Recovery and Disposal of Waste Electrical and Electronic Products”.

The objectives for formulation of the Administrative Measures are mainly reflected in the following aspects:

1. To actively implement “Made in China 2025” (CL: China’s first ten-year action plan focusing on upgrading the manufacturing industries), fully promote cleaner production, develop environmentally friendly products and establish green manufacturing system;
2. To take restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in EEPs as the groundwork of cleaner production and recovery & reuse of waste EEPs, reflect the environmental protection principle that “prevention takes precedence in pollution control” and implement the source control strategy.
3. To incorporate the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic products into the industry management, realize legalization and integrate it with the international practices.
4. To promote the substitution or minimization of the use of certain hazardous substances in EEPs, advocate ecological design, and facilitate the environment protection, resources conservation and comprehensive utilization during the process of manufacture, use and terminal disposal, etc., of the EEPs.
5. To accelerate the adjustment and optimization of the industrial structure and ensure the sustainable development of relevant industries.

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