NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Canada  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Health and Department of the Environment and Climate Change  **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:**  Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Global Affairs Canada  Technical Barriers and Regulations Division  111 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2 Canada Telephone: (343) 203-4273 Fax: (613) 943-0346 E-mail: [enquirypoint@international.gc.ca](mailto:enquirypoint@international.gc.ca) |
| **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):** Formaldehyde from composite wood products (ICS: 03.120.2; 79.060; 91.040; 91.060) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Proposed Formaldehyde Emissions from Composite Wood Products Regulations (44 pages, available in English and French). |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Regulations would place limits on formaldehyde emissions from composite wood products sold in, offered for sale in and imported into Canada, with a limited number of exemptions.  The proposed Regulations would not apply to many construction materials including structural plywood, oriented strand board, structural panels, structural composite lumber, structural glued-laminated timber, wood I-joists, and cross-laminated timber.  The proposed Regulations would also include the following exemptions:   * curved plywood * finger-jointed lumber * hardboard * wood packaging, including pallets, crates, spools and dunnage * composite wood products used in: a vehicle, other than a mobile home, motor home or recreational trailer; any car or railway equipment that is designed for movement on its wheels on the rails of a railway; a vessel; or, an aircraft. * windows that contain a composite wood product that represents less than 5% of the total volume of the window, including the glass * exterior or garage doors that contain a composite wood product that either represents less than 3% of the total volume of the exterior or garage door or that contain a composite wood product made only with a no-added formaldehyde resin or an ultra-low emitting formaldehyde resin * composite wood products that are to be used for research and development activities * composite wood products that are to be used in a laboratory for analysis, in scientific research or as a laboratory analytical standard; and * composite wood products that are manufactured or imported for export only.   Testing requirements on manufacturers of composite wood products are set out in the Regulations as well as within an incorporated by reference directive. Certain testing requirements must be respected using an accredited laboratory. After the coming into force of the final regulations, composite wood products must be labelled at the time of sale in Canada. There are also recordkeeping and reporting requirements set out in the Regulations.  Certain laminated products are subject to transitional provision. In addition, composite wood products located in Canada prior to the coming into force of the final regulations, may be used in their manufacturing, offered for sale and sold without meeting the requirements set out in the Regulations for three years after their coming into force.  The Proposed Regulations align, where possible, with similar requirements in the United States. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of the human health |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * *Canada Gazette*, Part I, 29 June 2019, pages 3263-3307 (available in English and French) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** Summer 2020  **Proposed date of entry into force:** The regulations come into force six months after the day on which they are published in Canada Gazette, Part II. |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 12 September 2019 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at:  <http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2019/2019-06-29/html/reg3-eng.html> (English)  <http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2019/2019-06-29/html/reg3-fra.html> (French)  The Directive Concerning Testing for Formaldehyde Emissions that is part of the regulation and describes the testing procedure to determine Formaldehyde emissions can be downloaded at:  <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/canadian-environmental-protection-act-registry/guidelines-objectives-codes-practice/proposed-directive-testing-formaldehyde-emissions.html> (English)  <https://www.canada.ca/fr/environnement-changement-climatique/services/registre-environnemental-loi-canadienne-protection/directives-objectifs-codes-pratiques/directive-essais-emissions-formaldehyde-proposee.html> (French) |