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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: SINGAPORE
	If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

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National Environment Agency (NEA)

Products Covered

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:

- 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):

Entry Y49 to Annex II (i.e. Wastes Requiring Special Consideration) of the Basel Convention* – Electrical and Electronic Waste (HS Code Header: 85.49):

- Waste electrical and electronic equipment:
 - not containing and not contaminated with Annex I (i.e. categories of wastes to be controlled) constituents to an extent that the waste exhibits an Annex III characteristic (i.e. hazardous characteristics), and
 - in which none of the components (e.g. certain circuit boards, certain display devices) contain or are contaminated with Annex I constituents to an extent that the component exhibits an Annex III characteristic
- Waste components of electrical and electronic equipment (e.g. certain circuit boards, certain display devices) not containing and not contaminated with Annex I constituents to an extent that the waste components exhibit an Annex III characteristic, unless covered by another entry in Annex II (i.e. waste requiring special consideration) or by an entry in Annex IX.
- Wastes arising from the processing of waste electrical and electronic equipment or waste components of electrical and electronic equipment (e.g. fractions arising from shredding or dismantling), and not containing and not contaminated with Annex I constituents to an extent that the waste exhibits an Annex III characteristic, unless

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		covered by another entry in Annex II or by an entry in Annex IX.
		Entry A1181 to Annex VIII (i.e. Waste Characterized as Hazardous) to the Basel Convention* – Electrical and Electronic Waste (HS Code Header: 85.49):
		Waste electrical and electronic equipment
		 containing or contaminated with cadmium, lead, mercury, organohalogen compounds or other Annex I constituents to an extent that the waste exhibits an Annex III characteristic, or
		 with a component containing or contaminated with Annex I constituents to an extent that the component exhibits an Annex III characteristic, including but not limited to any of the following components:
		 glass from cathode-ray tubes included on list A
		 a battery included on list A
		 a switch, lamp, fluorescent tube or a display device backlight which contains mercury
	2	 a capacitor containing PCBs
		 a component containing asbestos
		 certain circuit boards
		certain display devices
		 certain plastic components containing a brominated flame retardant
		 Waste components of electrical and electronic equipment containing or contaminated with Annex I constituents to an extent that the waste components exhibit an Annex III characteristic, unless covered by another entry on list A
		• Wastes arising from the processing of waste electrical and electronic equipment or waste components of electrical and electronic equipment, and containing or contaminated with Annex I constituents to an extent that the waste exhibits an Annex III characteristic (e.g. fractions arising from shredding or dismantling), unless covered by another entry on list A
	Basel	ore information on the descriptions of the Entries and Annexes, please refer to the Convention text at the following website: www.basel.int/TheConvention/Overview/TextoftheConvention/tabid/1275/Default.a
5.	Transbo	umber of pages and language(s) of the notified document: NEA Circular on undary Movement Control on Electronic Waste under the Basel Convention; (4 , in English)
6.	scope of list of v Singapo Convent through	tion of content: Singapore is a Party to the Basel Convention and noting that the f coverage of the Basel Convention will be amended, NEA is proposing to align the vaste electrical and electronic equipment and its components ("e-waste") under re's Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) Act with the Basel ion. Companies that intend to import or export e-waste, or whose e-waste transits Singapore, will be required to carry out the Prior Informed Consent procedure d under the Basel Convention and obtain a Basel Permit from NEA prior to the transit.

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7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Pursuant to the obligations of a Party to the Basel Convention, the proposed measures and requirements seek to ensure proper accountability of e-waste and that the e-waste can be managed in an environmentally sound manner. ; Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents:

Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) Act 1997, 105 pages, in English (Available online at <u>https://sso.agc.gov.sg/Act/HWCEITA1997</u>)

9. Proposed date of adoption: Notice will be published in the Republic of Singapore's Government Gazette (estimated to be in October 2024).

Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2025 (in line with the Basel Convention)

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:

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https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/SGP/24_05890_00_e.pdf