Restriction of the Manufacture, Import, and Sale of Dry Cell Batteries containing Mercury in Taiwan

Taiwan has proposed to restrict the manufacture, import, and sale of designated batteries that contain more than 5ppm of mercury (include products such as toys, clocks, appliances containing such batteries). Import, manufacture or selling of such batteries without the central competent authority’s prior confirmation is forbidden. Here’s the highlight of the restriction:

1. Designated batteries means one-time-use manganese-zinc batteries and non-button alkaline manganese batteries.
2. Designated batteries containing more than 5ppm of mercury are prohibited.
3. Manufacturers or importers are required to submit documents (include a test report issued by an accredited laboratory within three months) to the authority for prior confirmation.
4. Manufacturer or importer shall mark the words “本产品內電池汞含量低於5ppm” (This product has been confirmed by the EPA to have a mercury content less than five parts per million) and the confirmation number (will be issued after confirmation) on the body of the batteries or on their packaging.
5. The width or height of the characters may not be less than 0.5 centimeters when marked on the battery and 0.3 centimeters when marked on packaging. Further, batteries sold prior to the implementation of this order shall be marked before July 1, 2007.

This restriction would come into force by July 1, 2006.

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限制含汞之乾電池在台灣製造, 輸入及販賣

台灣提出禁止製造, 輸入及販賣汞含量超過5ppm之乾電池及非鈕扣型鹼性電池。凡製造, 輸入及販賣指定的乾電池, 均需向中央主管機構申請確認。

草案重點如下：

（一） 指定電池定義為乾電池及非鈕扣型鹼性電池之一次電池。
（二） 禁止汞含量高於5ppm之指定電池。
（三） 製造, 輸入業向中央主管機構申請確認文件時, 應提交相關文件 (包括由核發許可證之檢測指定機構或國際實驗室認證聯盟認證的實驗室取得的三個月內之汞含量檢測報告。
（四） 製造、輸入業應於指定電池, 附有指定電池之物品之本體或包裝明顯處, 標明「本產品內電池汞含量低於5ppm」及確認文件編號。
（五） 以上標示於電池本體者, 其字體長寬不得小於零點五公分, 標示於包裝者, 其字體長寬不得小於零點三公分。在草案施行前已於市面銷售之指定電池, 應於二零零七年七月一日前符合第四項規定。

“實施日期為二零零六年七月一日”。

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