Texas of USA - Proposal of Electronic Equipment Waste Management

The State of Texas proposed a bill to establish a program for the disposition of electronic equipment in order to protect the water and other natural resources of the State. Electronic equipment includes computer equipment; television; wireline or cellular telephone, facsimile machine or answering machine; audio equipment; toy, game, or educational device; small electronic device or appliance; and major household appliance. According to the proposal, persons who manufacture or sell electronic equipment (producers) in Texas shall:

1. Not later than 1st Mar 2006, submit a plan regarding financing the collection, treatment, recovery, reuse, recycling;

2. Not later than 1st Sept 2006 or once approved, provide a financial guarantee for the cost of implementation of the plan;

3. Not later than 1st Sept 2006, mark and label those electronic equipment to show the following:
   - The hazardous materials contained;
   - The restrictions of disposal and the producer’s plan;
   - A toll-free phone number or Internet website address

4. Not later than 1st Sept 2007, implement the producer's plan;

Furthermore, by 1st January 2008, electronic equipment sold in Texas shall not contain:

- lead;
- mercury;
- cadmium;
- hexavalent chromium;
- brominated flame retardants; or
- polyvinyl chloride

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