China - Restriction of Hg in Imported Batteries

China proposed to further extend its restrictions on the use of alkaline zinc-manganese batteries by amending the “Regulation on Restriction of Hg in Batteries 1997”. Once the amendment is approved, alkaline zinc-manganese batteries containing more than 0.0001% of mercury by weight will be prohibited from importing to China by 1 January 2006.

According to the current requirements:

1. The sale of batteries containing more than 0.025% of mercury by weight was prohibited;
2. The manufacture of alkaline zinc-manganese batteries containing more than 0.0001% of mercury by weight in China was prohibited;
3. From 1 January 2006, the sale of alkaline zinc-manganese batteries containing more than 0.0001% of mercury by weight in China will be prohibited.

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