China Proposes to control the pollution caused by electronic products

Chinese government has officially announced the proposal of "Administration on the Control of Pollution Caused by Electronic Information Products" and is expected to be adopted and come into force on 1 July 2006.

Electronic Information Products means: Electronic radar products, electronic communication products, broadcast and television products, computer products, household electronic products, electronic measurement and instrument products, electronic products for special use, electronic component products, electronic application products, electronic material products, and all their parts, etc. (export products are not included).

According to the proposed Administration, key Electronic Information Products listed in the Catalogue for Pollution Control sold in the market within the territory of China shall be non-toxic, harmless. Here's the highlight of the requirements:

1. Shall not contain lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB), polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) and other toxic and harmful substances;
2. The contents of such toxic and harmful substances shall comply with relevant GB or industrial standards;
3. The date of "safe-use life"; names and contents of toxic and harmful substances and recoverability shall be clearly indicated on the product or packaging or its instruction sheet;

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中國制定電子信息產品染控制管理辦法

根據《中華人民共和國清潔生產促進法》、《中華人民共和國固體廢物染環境防治法》、《中華人民共和國產品質量法》以及其他法律、行政法律的有關規定，制定此辦法。並將於二零零六年七月一日起施行。

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該辦法控制下列物質或元素：

1、鉛；
2、汞；
3、六價；
4、多聯 (PBB)；
5、多聯 (PBDE)；
6、國家規定的其他有毒有害物質或元素。

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