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MINISTRY OF ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Subject: Notification to withdraw the production and/or use of hexabromocyclododecane for specific exemptions

Dear Mr. Rolph Payet,

On 26 December 2016, the *Amendment on the listing of hexabromocyclododecane under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants* came into effect for China. In accordance with the request of the Convention, China registered specific exemptions for the production and use of hexabromocyclododecane in expanded polystyrene and extruded polystyrene in buildings.

We wish to have the pleasure to inform you that, after consistent and conscious efforts to realize the Convention goals, China will completely eliminate the production, use, import and export of hexabromocyclododecane from 26 December 2021, in accordance with an announcement published by the government of China in December 2016 (Announcement No. 84 of 2016).

In this context, we would like to notify the Secretariat as follows:

China decides to withdraw, from December 26 2021, the entries from the Register of production and/or use of hexabromocyclododecane for specific exemption (mainly as flame retardants) in expanded polystyrene and extruded polystyrene in buildings.

It would be appreciated if you could put this on record and act accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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