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European Union withdrawal of the registration for a specific exemption for HBCDD listed in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention

Dear Mr Payet,

Pursuant to Article 4(3) of the Stockholm Convention, Parties may register for a specific exemption listed in Annex A or Annex B to the Convention if they wish to use that specific exemption in their territory.

In accordance with Article 4(3), the European Union registered for the specific exemption for hexabromocyclododecane (HBCDD) for production and use in expanded polystyrene in buildings.

The expiry date for production and use of HBCDD in expanded polystyrene in buildings in the EU pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 850/2004 in conjunction with the authorisation granted pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 was 21 August 2017. Therefore, as of the date of receipt of this letter, the EU would like to notify the Secretariat of the withdrawal of its entry from the Register for a specific exemption in accordance with Article 4(8) of the Stockholm Convention.

Thank you very much in advance for deleting this specific exemption for the EU from the register of specific exemptions under the Stockholm Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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