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L.N. 195 of 2023

PRODUCT SAFETY ACT
(CAP. 427)

Restriction of Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2023

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 38, 39 and 40 of the Product Safety Act, the Minister responsible for consumer affairs, on the advice of the Director General (Technical Regulations), has made the following regulations:-

Citation, scope and commencement.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Restriction of Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2023, and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Restriction of Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

S.L. 427.57.

(2) The scope of these regulations is to transpose Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2023/171 of 28 October 2022 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for hexavalent chromium as an anticorrosion agent in gas absorption heat pumps.

(3) These regulations shall come into force on 1st September 2023.

Amends Schedule III to the principal regulations.

2. In Schedule III to the principal regulations, immediately after item 9(a)-II there shall be added the following new item:

"9(a)-III	Up to 0.7% hexavalent chromium by weight, used as an anticorrosion agent in the working fluid of the carbon steel sealed circuit of gas absorption heat pumps for space and water heating	Applies to category 1 and expires on 31 December 2026.".

Amends Schedule VIII to the principal regulations.

3. Schedule VIII to the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) immediately after the last paragraph thereof, "Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/1632 of 12 May 2022 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex IV to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for the use of lead in certain magnetic resonance imaging devices **********.", there shall be added the following new item:

"- Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2023/171 of 28 October 2022 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for hexavalent chromium as an anticorrosion agent in gas absorption heat pumps**********."; and

(b) immediately after the footnote "********** Applicable as from 1st March 2023." thereof there shall be added the following new footnote:

"********** Applicable as from 1st September 2023.".

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