The Taiwan RoHS requirements for electrical products

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As shown at this link, it starts with certain types of IT- and audio/video products. Some other types of products will be included in May and July. A large number will be added in January 2018 + batteries and power supplies from 1 January 2019.

The relevant national standard is CNS 15663 – ‘Guidance to reduction of the restricted chemical substances in electrical and electronic equipment’, which sets the scope of products, the concentration limits and how to mark the product. It concerns the same chemical substances and their limits as in the European RoHS Directive (except phthalates). The full scope comprises IT- and communication equipment, home electronics, household appliances, lighting equipment, electrical tools, toys, leisure equipment and automatic dispensers.

It should be noted that CN15663 is basically a voluntary standard and compliance is only mandatory for products that are already subject to mandatory certification under the current Commodity Inspection Act.

The present purpose is encouraging industries to reduce the use of the restricted chemical substances and to control these in each stage of the supply chain and during the life of the product. At the same time, increase the awareness of consumers on effective utilization of resources and reduction of the environmental burden. So, it is foreseen that manufacturers/importers comply with Section 5 “Marking of presence” in CNS 15663 and clearly mark the presence of any restricted substances on or with the product.

BMSI has also issued the following testing standards in this connection: CNS 15050 - Electro technical products-Determination of levels of six regulated substances and CNS 15479 - Method for determination of mercury level in fluorescent lamps.

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