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European Union withdrawal of the registration for certain specific exemptions for recycling of articles that contain or may contain tetra-, penta-, hexa- and/or heptabromodiphenyl ether pursuant to Annex A to the Stockholm Convention

Dear Mr Payet,

Pursuant to Part IV and V of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention, a Party may allow recycling of articles that contain or may contain tetrabromodiphenyl ether, pentabromodiphenyl ether, hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether, and the use and final disposal of articles manufactured from recycled materials that contain or may contain tetrabromodiphenyl ether, pentabromodiphenyl ether, hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether.

The European Union had notified the Secretariat of the registration for those specific exemptions, which is documented in the register of specific exemptions made available to the public on the Convention website.

The European Union would now like to inform you that the registration for the specific exemptions for recycling of articles that contain or may contain tetrabromodiphenyl ether, pentabromodiphenyl ether, hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether, and the use and final disposal of articles manufactured from recycled materials that contain or may contain tetrabromodiphenyl ether, pentabromodiphenyl ether, hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether is no longer required.

Consequently, the European Union would like to withdraw the registration for those specific exemptions and request the deletion of those entries from the registry.

Thank you very much in advance for taking the necessary action to update the registry of specific exemptions as outlined above.

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Yours sincerely