

PCD/HS/6.6

2 May 2012

To: All Traders & Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam,

NEW HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES TO BE CONTROLLED UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

With effect from **1 Jul 2012**, the following hot cathode fluorescent lamps will be controlled as hazardous substances under the Environmental Protection and Management Act (EPMA):

- (i) Mercury in Hot Cathode Compact Fluorescent Lamps; and
- (ii) Mercury in Hot Cathode Linear/Straight or Circular Fluorescent Lamps.

2 A Hazardous Substances Licence will be required from the PCD for the import, export and sale of new hot cathode fluorescent lamps containing:

- Mercury content exceeding **5 mg** per hot cathode compact fluorescent lamp;
- Mercury content exceeding **10 mg** per hot cathode linear/straight or circular fluorescent lamp.

Application for the Hazardous Substances Licence can be made online at the following website:

→ <http://app1.env.gov.sg/pcls/controller?event=WELCOME>

There will be a prohibition on the import and sale of new hot cathode fluorescent lamps for **local use**. Companies with existing stock of hot cathode fluorescent lamps need not apply for a Hazardous Substances Licence. Existing stock of hot cathode fluorescent lamps are allowed to be sold until depletion.

3 No Hazardous Substances Licence from PCD is required if the mercury content in new hot cathode fluorescent lamps does not exceed the above exemption limits. However, we will require importers/traders to submit **documentary proof from their manufacturers** or a **test report from an accredited laboratory**, to show proof that the mercury in new hot cathode fluorescent lamps can meet our requirement.

4 All import and export permit declarations will be routed to PCD for auto-processing.

Harmonized System and Product Codes

5 The list of Harmonized System and Product codes are listed below for your easy reference. Traders are required to declare the permit using the appropriate HS and Product codes.

S/No	HS Code	Product Code Description	Product Code
1	85393110	Mercury in hot cathode compact fluorescent lamps (exceeding 5 mg of mercury per lamp) - With valid licence	PCDMFL211
2	85393110	Mercury in hot cathode compact fluorescent lamps (not exceeding 5 mg of mercury per lamp) - With valid test report or other supporting document	PCDMFL311
3	85393190	Mercury in hot cathode linear/straight or circular fluorescent lamps (exceeding 10 mg of mercury per lamp) - With valid licence	PCDMFC212
4	85393190	Mercury in hot cathode linear/straight or circular fluorescent lamps (not exceeding 10 mg of mercury per lamp) - With valid test report or other supporting document	PCDMFC312

6 For further enquiries, you may contact the TradeNet officer at Tel: 67319665 or e-mail your enquiries to nea_pcd_hs@nea.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully

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For DIRECTOR
POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT

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