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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL POST-HEARING CHANGES

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Pursuant to Government Code section 11346.8(c), notice is hereby given that the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has revised the text of the proposed regulations which establish the process for identifying and prioritizing consumer products and their chemicals of concern, evaluating their alternatives, and imposing regulatory responses, by adding chapter 55 to division 4.5 of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, and amending the Table of Contents. A written comment period for these LATEST REVISIONS to the proposed regulations text has been established to commence on April 10, 2013, and close at 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2013.

DTSC mailed the original text and made it available for public review and comment on July 27, 2012. A public hearing was held on September 10, 2012, during which DTSC accepted written and oral testimony. In addition, written comments were accepted during the 45-day public comment period, which was extended by 30 days, and ended October 11, 2012. DTSC made post-hearing changes to the proposed regulations, which were mailed and made available for public review and comment on January 29, 2013. Written comments were accepted on these post-hearing changes through February 28, 2013. DTSC has now made additional post-hearing changes to the proposed text. It considers these new changes to the rulemaking to be “sufficiently related changes”, as defined in Title 1, California Code of Regulations, section 42.

A copy of the revised text is provided in the attachment called “Text of Proposed Regulations – Additional Post-Hearing Changes”. The January 29, 2013 additions to the originally proposed text are indicated by single underline, and deletions are indicated by single strikeout. The April 10, 2013 additions are indicated by double underline, and deletions are indicated by double strikeout.
DTSC will be accepting, through April 25, 2013, written comments solely on the April 10, 2013 revisions.

The information upon which DTSC relied on is available for public inspection between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the 22nd Floor, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California. Requests and inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Jackie Buttle at the address indicated below; or by telephone at (916) 322-3900.

Copies of the revised text of the proposed regulations are also posted to DTSC’s internet site at: http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegsPolicies/Regs/index.cfm and http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SCPRegulations.cfm, or may be obtained from Ms. Jackie Buttle.

Notice is given that any interested persons may submit comments regarding the April 10, 2013 REVISIONS to the proposed text to DTSC by email at gcregs@dtsc.ca.gov, fax (916) 324-1808, or by mail to:

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PLEASE NOTE: All comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5:00 P.M. PDT on April 25, 2013, regardless of the form of transmission.