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GCC – Restrictions on hazardous substances in electronic and electrical devices and equipment

The US asked for clarification from members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) regarding a draft regulation aiming at restricting the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment. The US asked if each GCC member will implement the regulation separately or simultaneously, and whether the GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) technical regulation will replace national regulations currently in place, such as in the United Arab Emirates. In addition, the US inquired about the applicable conformity assessment procedures, and whether these would be recognized by other GCC countries. The EU expressed interest in the questions raised by the US.

Kuwait, on behalf of the GCC, said that the regulation is still under discussion and that the GCC and GSO will coordinate and respond to all questions raised.