PALS IMPLIMENTATION EXPERIENCES

Introduction cont'd

- PALS is a Program on Minimum Energy Performance Standards for Electrical Appliances and Labeling.

- To regulate the import/export selected electrical appliances of high electrical power consumption.

- The following are regulated under PALS:

- Refrigerators and freezers (COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL)

- Air conditioners

- Lights

To achieve this, border control has been identified as the effective way to enforce this program.

REGULATIVE FRAMEWORK

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1.Consumer Protection Act Cap.63.

Consumer Protection (Approved Standards for Restricted Electrical Products) Regulations 2016.pdf

❑ Schedules containing:

➢ Product Class

➢ Standards

➢ Testing

REGULATIVE FRAMEWORK

▶ 2. Customs & Excise Act – Cap. 121.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE (RESTRICTED IMPORTS)(AMENDMENT) ORDER 2017

▶ Customs Order.pdf

Regulation came into force in 2016

Now -operational and ongoing.

Loop Holes in the Regulations

1. Non- reference to changing standards in the respective performance and testing columns.

Consumer Protection (Approved Standards for Restricted Electrical Products) Regulations 2016.pdf

2. Non – reference to changes in corresponding labels

3. Non – Reference to how to deal with forfeited products

4. Clarity on Inspectors and the powers to remove

5. Non – Reference to clearance officers

6. Validity of schedules over time . E.g Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP 4 & 5)

Minamata Convention on Mercury

Adopted at COP4 and COP5, the Parties have agreed to phase out fluorescent based lighting technologies worldwide starting in 2025 and by 2027 at the latest as per below:

▶ By 2025 - compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) < 30W.

▶ By 2026 - remaining categories of CFLs and all halo-phosphate phosphor linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs).

▶ By 2027 - remaining categories of LFLs, including triband phosphor.

Challenges:

- Operation of the PAD data base.

- Linkage between the PAD and the Australian/ New Zealand Database.

- Questions on the integrity of registration process regionally. (Linkage of PAD regionally – Reservation on such)

- Verification issues - Testing

- Registration of importers/ exporters to the PALS Database

- Registration of Appliances by importers- Staff Rotation. The need for continuous training

- Compliance check on affected appliances imports (floor audit/inspection)

- Engagement of clearance officers by importers

- Unlicensed ports/ Logging companies etc

- Short Term Development projects e.g. Mamara projects, SP Games etc.

- Lack of staff at new ports e.g Noro port.

Thank you