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Over a period of time, the "recycled television picture tubes" manufactured by some enterprises by means of recovering and processing (such procedures are generally cleaning, applying fluorescent powder, adding electron guns, vacuumising and fixing explosion-proof belts etc.) television picture tubes and glass bulbs from old and waste televisions after their dismantling were used for assembling televisions for sale.

It was demonstrated in the testing results that the indicators for safety and technology of recycled television picture tubes failed to reach the standards regulated and required by the state so that certain hidden safety troubles existed. In order to rectify and standardise the conduct in the production and sales of televisions and television picture tubes, the usage of waste and old television picture tubes and glass bulbs to process "recycled television picture tubes" is prohibited and they are furthermore prohibited to be used in the manufacturing of televisions. The relevant particulars are hereby announced as follows:

I. Any unit or individual shall not undertake activities involving the collecting (including collecting for sale), storage and disposal of old and waste television picture tubes (Cathode Ray Tubes) without permission.

Anyone who is involved in the aforementioned business, shall, in accordance with the provisions of *the Law on Prevention of Environmental Pollution Caused by Solid Waste*, and of *The Measures for the Administration of Permits for the operation of Hazardous Waste* (State Council Decree No. 408), apply to the environmental protection administrative authorities for a permit to deal with hazardous waste before starting business.

The waste and old television picture tubes (Cathode Ray Tubes) belong to hazardous waste and refer to television picture tubes that have been thrown away or given up in spite of their remaining utility value or have lost their original utility value through processing, use, or any other activities.

II. It is prohibited to make use of waste and old glass bulbs in processing recycled television picture tubes and undertake sales of televisions assembled with those; and it is prohibited to import old glass bulbs, old television picture tubes, recycled television picture tubes and old televisions by any means of trade (for the detailed commodity codes see the list enclosed).

Where the aforesaid goods processing industry has already been approved by the authorities responsible for business affairs and has been recorded in customs files, it is allowed to be conducted to completion in accordance with the current provisions within the period of validity and with no extension of time upon its expiration. Where re-exportation after processing fails to be fulfilled in accordance with the provisions, the handbook cancellation procedures will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of domestic sales of processing trade.

III. The state encourages the use of resources to be recycled via environmentally sound technology, and encourages the enterprises that manufacture glass bulbs and television picture tubes to collect and utilize the waste glass formed by domestic waste and old television picture tubes.

In recovering and utilizing waste and old television picture tubes the screens and cones must be separated safely.

IV. This Announcement is also applicable to zones and other regions that are especially supervised by customs such as export processing zones and bonded areas.

V. The relevant authorities shall, in accordance with each respective Responsibility, deal with acts of violation of this Announcement according to the law.

VI. The Announcement will be implemented as of 1 November 2005.

Gen. Adm. of Qual. Insp.

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Enclosed list:

The codes of commodities referring to old glass bulbs, old television picture tubes, recycled television picture tubes and old televisions are hereby given as follows:

70112010 glass bulbs of display tubes and its parts

70112090 other

84716012 CRT displays

85401100 coloured CRT television picture tubes

85401200 black and white or monochrome CRT television picture tubes

85404000 coloured data/graphical display tubes, dot pitch < 0.4mm

85405000 black and white or other monochrome data/graphical display tubes

85406090 other CRTs

85281310 black and white or other monochrome televisions ≤ 16 cm

85281320 black and white or other monochrome televisions from 16 – 42 cm

85281330 black and white or other monochrome televisions from 42 – 52 cm

85281340 black and white or other monochrome televisions over 52 cm

85281221 colour televisions ≤ 42 cm screens CRT picture tubes

85281222 colour televisions <42 screens ≤ 52 cm [C]RT picture tubes

85281223 colour televisions <52 cm screens ≤ 74 cm [C]RT picture tubes

85281224 CR picture tubes colour televisions, screens over 74 cm

85282100 colour video monitors

5282200 black and white or other monochrome video monitors

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