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China RoHS: Chinese-German Workshop on Environmental Management of Electronic Waste!

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- No timetable for creating the Key Administrative Catalogue yet!
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中国 RoHS: 来自中德电子废物环境管理研讨会的新消息!

- 在制定《电子信息产品污染控制重点管理目录》之前先推出一个《目录制定程序》!
- 《目录》目前尚未有时间表!
- 《电子信息产品分类注释》正在修订中!

On Jan. 31, Chinese-German Workshop on Environmental Management of Electronic Waste hosted by State Environmental Protection Administration of China and Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety was held in Beijing.

Dr. Helge Wendenburg, Director General of Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Dr. Joachim Wuttke, Head of General Affairs of Waste Management, Focal Point Basel Convention, Federal Environment Agency, Ms. YU Fei, Director of Solid Waste & Chemicals Management Division, SEPA and a number of renowned experts from UBA, SEPA, MII, CHEARI (China Household Electric Appliance Research Institute), C&ERP and other recycling companies presented their speech at the workshop. About 70 people attended the workshop.

The presentation about the latest status of China RoHS given by Mr. HUANG Jianzhong, Director of the Department of System Reform and Market, MII (Ministry of Information Industry) has attracted much attention. Now the up-to-date situations of China RoHS are as follows:

- Before creating Key Administrative Catalogue, MII will firstly publish a Procedure for Draft the Key Administrative Catalogue. This Procedure will make the creation of Catalogue more standardized and transparent.
- The principle of drafting the Catalogue:
 - 1) Compliance with WTO rule, combine international regulation with Chinese characteristics
 - 2) Open, transparent and just
 - 3) Product with sophisticated technique and economic feasibility
 - 4) Pushed by government and guided by market
 - 5) One possible, one added

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- Up to now, no timetable for the Catalogue published yet. One or two catalogues of products are expected to be listed in the Catalogue.
- Classification of Electronic Information Products is under amendment
 - 1) The principle of amendment is to use the functions and the characteristics of products as the criteria to complement the missing and correct the inappropriate ones.
 - 2) The new Classification will include HS Code.
 - 3) The amendment of Classification is expected to be completed at the end of 2008.
 - 4) The new products will have a transition period.
- The next step for MII
 - 1) The constitution of General rule of environment-friendly use period of electronic information products is expected to be finished and issued in mid-year of 2008.
 - 2) Five standards about lead-free welding are expected to be issued in the second half year of 2008.

The manufacturers should keep up to date with the launching of Key Administrative Catalogue, the Classification and relevant regulations or standards.

The result of the workshop was very positive. Dr. Helge Wendenburg made a closing speech and hoped that China and Germany will have more talks, information exchange and cooperation in the future.

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Electronic manufacturing capacity to see global rebalancing!

电子制造能力透视全球性重新平衡!

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- Manufacturing capacity shifted from the high-cost regions in North America and Western Europe to the low-cost region of mainland China!

- 电子合同制造商将开始着眼于劳动力成本之外的其他因素!
- 制造能力由高成本的北美和西欧地区转移到低成本的中国大陆地区!



Electronics-contract manufacturers will begin focusing on other factors beyond labor cost when it comes to selecting a location for production in the coming years, according to iSuppli Corp. According to the company, in the early part of this decade, manufacturing capacity shifted from the high-cost regions in North America and Western Europe to the low-cost region of mainland China. However, in the second half of the decade, contract manufacturing will undergo a global rebalancing that will lead to a more distributed market. You can attribute electronics manufacturers' regional diversification to other China-centric factors, including a mobile work force, inflation, taxes, and the rising costs of transportation due to soaring oil prices, according to Adam Pick, a principal analyst at iSuppli. "Ultimately, the emphasis has greatly shifted from labor costs only to the total cost of ownership, which considers managerial resources, organizational structuring, manufacturing competencies, intellectual property, and logistics," he says.

Leading EMS (electronic-manufacturing-service) providers, ODMs (original-design manufacturers), and OEMs (original-equipment manufacturers) have recently undergone capacity expansions, revealing a number of new trends affecting global electronics manufacturing. These trends include the rising penetration of emerging regional economies; proximity to large, local markets with fast-growing product segments as ODMs' local presence in some regions helps minimize tariff costs; and OEMs' need to diversify manufacturing profiles to other locations, such as Vietnam.

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