

**Comments from Republic of Korea with respect to
The Electronic Display Ecodesign regulation
of EU(G/TBT/N/EU/609)**

The Republic of Korea appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Electronic Display Ecodesign regulation, notified to WTO on October 9th, 2018 as EU/609.

First of all, the Korean government respects the efforts of the European Parliament and the Council to provide consumers with information, and also to protect the environment. Furthermore, Korean companies are committed to comply with the regulation of EU.

In this regard, the Republic of Korea would like to submit some comments as below (the EU electronic display regulation, to be enforced in April 2021).

The scope of this regulation contains a television, monitor, digital signage, and a computer is governed by another regulation. For some products such as a smart-phones and table PC, it is not clear which regulation should be applied. Korea would like to know if the scope of this regulation contains a smart-phones and table PCs.

If a smartphone is contained in the scope of this regulation, most smartphone displays are smaller than or equal to 100 square centimeters. However, some smartphones marketed recently have larger display size, which means they are subject to this regulation - this will lead to an unbalanced regulation in the smartphone market due to unreasonable issue, and Korea is worried about the negative effect from this situation, such as a hindrance in the smartphone market.

Korea would be grateful if we could receive a quick reply. In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.