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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: EUROPEAN UNION

If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

European Commission

Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:

European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: <u>grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu</u> Website: <u>http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/</u>

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Fluorinated greenhouse gases listed in Annexes I, II and III as well as products and equipment referred to in Article 19 and listed in Annex IV of the Commission Proposal
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on fluorinated greenhouse gases, amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 517/2014 (COM(2022) 150 final); (75 page(s), in English), (27 page(s), in English)
- 6. **Description of content:** This Commission proposal, inter alia, imposes quantitative limits for the placing on the market of hydrofluorocarbons and also imposes conditions on the import, export, placing on the market, further supply and use of fluorinated greenhouse gases and specific products and equipment containing or relying on those gases.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Measures to reduce emissions from fluorinated greenhouse gases which contribute to global warming. These measures will assist in achieving the targets of the Paris Agreement (keep global average temperature to 1.5 degrees C) and implement EU's obligations under the Montreal Protocol (gradually phase down HFCs); Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents:

The Commission Proposal ensures the correct implementation of EU's obligations under the 1987 Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

Directive (EU) 2019/1937 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2019 on the protection of persons who report breaches of Union law

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9. Proposed date of adoption: February/March 2024

Proposed date of entry into force: February/March 2024

10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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