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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

Revision

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

- Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u>
 If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
- 2. Agency responsible:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

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:

Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: <u>usatbtep@nist.gov</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):

 Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl substances; Environmental protection (ICS code(s): 13.020); Production in the chemical industry (ICS code(s): 71.020); Products of the chemical industry (ICS code(s): 71.100)
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Data Reporting and Recordkeeping Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Change to Submission Period and Technical Correction; (41 page(s), in English)
- 6. Description of content: Proposed rule; change to submission period and technical correction - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is proposing to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) regulation with reporting and recordkeeping requirements for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that was finalized on 11 October 2023. The final rule (notified as G/TBT/N/USA/1742/Add.3) requires manufacturers (including importers) of PFAS in any year between 2011-2022 to report certain information to EPA beginning 12 November 2024. EPA is proposing a one-time modification of the data submission period and a technical correction to amend a typographical error in the regulatory text. EPA is not proposing any changes to the scope of reporting under TSCA. EPA has concluded that a change to the submission period is necessary and in the public interest as the reporting application being developed to collect this data will not be fully functional by November 2024. The proposed revision of the submission period would facilitate compliance with the rule and help ensure that the collection includes accurate data on manufactured PFAS in the United States. EPA thus believes the proposed amendments are necessary and does not expect to receive any adverse comments. Therefore, in addition to this notice of proposed rulemaking, in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this issue of the Federal Register, EPA is promulgating the submission period modification and technical correction as a direct final rule. For more

information on this proposal, please refer to the $\frac{\text{direct final rule}}{\text{direct final rule}}$ (notified as G/TBT/N/USA/1742/Add.4).

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents:

89 Federal Register (FR) 72362, 5 September 2024; <u>40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)</u> Part 705:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-09-05/html/2024-19929.htm

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This action and previous actions notified under the symbol G/TBT/N/USA/1742 are identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2020-0549. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPPT-2020-0549/document and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from Regulations.gov by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point by or before 4pm Eastern Time on 7 October 2024. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with EPA and will also be submitted to the Docket on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: 4 November 2024

10. Final date for comments: 7 October 2024

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

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