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## **Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

## **NOTIFICATION**

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u>

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

2. Agency responsible:

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT) [2037]

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: usatbtep@nist.gov

- 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): Hazardous materials; Transport (ICS code(s): 03.220); Protection against dangerous goods (ICS code(s): 13.300); Products of the chemical industry (ICS code(s): 71.100)
- **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Hazardous Materials: Harmonization With International Standards; (55 page(s), in English)
- **Description of content:** Notice of proposed rulemaking PHMSA proposes to amend the Hazardous Materials Regulations to maintain alignment with international regulations and standards by adopting various amendments, including changes to proper shipping names, hazard classes, packing groups, special provisions, packaging authorizations, air transport quantity limitations, and vessel stowage requirements.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety; Harmonization
- 8. Relevant documents:

88 Federal Register (FR) 34568, 30 May 2023; Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 171, 172, et al:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-05-30/html/2023-07109.htm

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This notice of proposed rulemaking is identified by Docket Number PHMSA-2021-0092. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/docket/PHMSA-2021-0092/document">https://www.regulations.gov/docket/PHMSA-2021-0092/document</a> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from <a href="Regulations.gov">Regulations.gov</a> by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the <a href="USA TBT Enguiry Point">USA TBT Enguiry Point</a> by or

before 4pm Eastern Time on 31 July 2023. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the regulator 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: To be determined

**10.** Final date for comments: 31 July 2023

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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