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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

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [1437] <b>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:</b> Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: <a href="mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov">usatbtep@nist.gov</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Emissions; Air quality (ICS 13.040), Equipment for petroleum and natural gas industries (ICS 75.180), Compressors and pneumatic machines (ICS 23.140).
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Reconsideration (52 page(s), in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This action proposes reconsideration amendments to the new source performance standards (NSPS) at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 60, subpart OOOOa (2016 NSPS OOOOa). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received petitions for reconsideration on the 2016 NSPS OOOOa. In 2017, the EPA granted reconsideration on the fugitive emissions requirements, well site pneumatic pump standards, and the requirements for certification of closed vent systems by a professional engineer based on specific objections to these requirements. This action proposes amendments and clarifications as a result of reconsideration of these issues. The proposed amendments also address other issues raised for reconsideration and make technical corrections and amendments to further clarify the rule.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of the environment
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> 83 Federal Register (FR) 52056, 15 October 2018; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 60. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted. Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Reconsideration, Notice of public hearing published 29 October 2018 will be notified as Add.1: <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-10-29/html/2018-23570.htm">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-10-29/html/2018-23570.htm</a> <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-10-29/pdf/2018-23570.pdf">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-10-29/pdf/2018-23570.pdf</a>

<p><a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1030</a> and subsequent addenda, "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New and Modified Sources"</p> <p><a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1322</a> and subsequent addenda, "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources: Stay of Certain Requirements"</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be determined</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> 17 December 2018</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b></p> <p><a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/USA/18_5715_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/USA/18_5715_00_e.pdf</a></p>