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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: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [1453] 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 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Chemical substances; Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Products of the chemical industry (ICS 71.100)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (24 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 66 chemical substances which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs). The chemical substances are subject to Orders issued by EPA pursuant to section 5(e) of TSCA. This action would require persons who intend to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process any of these 66 chemical substances for an activity that is proposed as a significant new use to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing that activity. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the intended use within the applicable review period. Persons may not commence manufacture or processing for the significant new use until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and has taken such actions as are required with that determination.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the environment
8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">83 Federal Register (FR) 57634, 15 November 2018; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 721. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Final date for comments: 31 December 2018

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

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/USA/18_5959_00_e.pdf