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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> Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT) [1455] <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> Hazardous materials; Transport (ICS 03.220), Protection against dangerous goods (ICS 13.300).
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Hazardous Materials: Harmonization With International Standards (101 page(s), in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) proposes to amend the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) to maintain alignment with international regulations and standards by incorporating various amendments, including changes to proper shipping names, hazard classes, packing groups, special provisions, packaging authorizations, air transport quantity limitations, and vessel stowage requirements. These revisions are necessary to harmonize the HMR with recent changes made to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, the International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air, and the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods--Model Regulations. Additionally, PHMSA proposes several amendments to the HMR that would allow for increased alignment with the Transport Canada, Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) Regulations.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Harmonization
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> 83 Federal Register (FR) 60970, 27 November 2018; Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 171, 172, 173, 175, 176, 178, and 180. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be determined
<b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 28 January 2019

- 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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