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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): State of Maryland
2. Agency responsible: Department of the Environment, State of Maryland [2081] 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 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [X], 7.2 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Vehicle emissions; Environmental protection (ICS code(s): 13.020); Transport exhaust emissions (ICS code(s): 13.040.50); Road vehicles in general (ICS code(s): 43.020)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Advanced Clean Trucks Program; (6 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: Proposed rule - The purpose of this action is to adopt regulations implementing California's Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) regulation under the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 26.11.43. The regulations will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval as part of Maryland's State Implementation Plan (SIP) .
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the environment
8. Relevant documents: Maryland Register 8 September 2023, Volume 50, Issue 18, pages 785-844: https://2019-dsd.maryland.gov/MDRIssues/5018/Assembled.aspx The Maryland Department of the Environment will hold a virtual public hearing on the proposed action on 11 October 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time . Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views. Join the meeting from a computer, tablet or smartphone: https://meet.goto.com/966883773 . A Fact Sheet for the amendments to COMAR 26.11.43 is accessible at https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/regulations/air/Documents/BEPS/2023%20ACT%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf .

WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point by or before 4pm Eastern Time on 11 October 2023. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the regulator 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: 11 October 2023
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: https://2019-dsd.maryland.gov/MDRIssues/5018/Assembled.aspx#_Toc144896239 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/TBT/USA/23_12582_00_e.pdf