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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

Revision

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u>
If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

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: <u>usatbtep@nist.gov</u>

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): Fuels; Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Environmental protection (ICS code(s): 13.020); Fuels (ICS code(s): 75.160)
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Fuels Regulatory Streamlining Amendments; (46 page(s), in English)
- **6. Description of content:** Proposed rule This action proposes revisions, updates, and corrections to EPA's streamlined fuel quality regulations. This action does not propose to change the stringency of the existing fuel quality standards. If anyone contacts EPA requesting a public hearing by 4 September 2024, EPA will hold a virtual public hearing on 12 September 2024. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and end when all parties who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so. All hearing attendees (including even those who do not intend to provide testimony) should register for the virtual public hearing by 4 September 2024. Information on the status of the hearing and how to register can be found at https://www.epa.gov/diesel-fuel-standards/fuels-regulatory-streamlining. Refer to the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of the full-text for additional information on the public hearing.
- **7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of the environment; Quality requirements; Cost saving and productivity enhancement

8. Relevant documents:

89 Federal Register (FR) 70048, 28 August 2024; <u>Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1090</u>:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-08-28/html/2024-18773.htm

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This proposed rule is identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2024-0143. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2024-0143/document and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from Regulations.gov by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders by 4pm Eastern Time on 15 October 2024 will be shared with the EPA and will also be submitted to the Docket on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

Previous actions notified under the symbol <u>G/TBT/N/USA/1622</u> are identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0227.

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Final date for comments: 15 October 2024

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

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/USA/24 05716 00 e.pdf