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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

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA<br>**If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**<br>Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT) [2362] |
| **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 codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities and equipment; small-scale and modular LNG plants and skids; cryogenic storage tanks, vessels, and piping systems; boil-off gas compressors and vaporizers; cryogenic valves and relief devices; gas and fire detection systems; Fire protection (ICS code(s): 13.220.20); Cryogenic vessels (ICS code(s): 23.020.40); Pipeline components and pipelines (ICS code(s): 23.040); Valves (ICS code(s): 23.060); Equipment for petroleum and natural gas industries (ICS code(s): 75.180); Petroleum products and natural gas handling equipment (ICS code(s): 75.200) |
| **5.** | **Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access):** Pipeline Safety: Amendments to Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities; (75 page(s), in English)<br>**Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request:**<br>https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/USA/26_05719_00_e.pdf |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Notice of proposed rulemaking - The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) proposes updating its regulations for liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities to incorporate by reference the most recent industry safety standards and to make other changes to account for more than two decades of improvements and technological advancements. This rulemaking also responds to congressional mandates directing PHMSA to integrate risk-based regulatory approaches for certain LNG facilities. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**<br>91 Federal Register (FR) 69314, 3 November 2026; Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 191 and 193:<br>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-11-03/html/2026-22396.htm |

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| | https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-11-03/pdf/2026-22396.pdf<br><br>This notice of proposed rulemaking is identified by Docket Number PHMSA-2019-0091. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/PHMSA-2019-0091/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.<br><br>Updates standards incorporated by reference by replacing National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 59A (2001 Edition) with the 2026 Edition (Standard for the Production, Storage, and Handling of Liquefied Natural Gas);<br><br>Updates related referenced consensus codes (including ASME BPVC and B31 series, American Petroleum Institute (API) standards, and American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 7);<br><br>Incorporates new standards such as API 625, Brazed Aluminium Plate-Fin Heat Exchanger Manufacturers' Association (ALPEMA) standards for brazed aluminum plate-fin heat exchangers, and ASTM fire test standards (ASTM E84, E136, and E2652) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined<br><br>**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Provision of comments**<br><br>**Final date for comments:** 4 January 2027<br><br>**[ ] 60 days from notification**<br><br>WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point by or before 4pm Eastern Time on 4 January 2027. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with PHMSA and submitted to the Docket if received within the comment period.<br><br>**Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:**<br><br>Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov |