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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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 (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [2139]

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

- Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 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): Certain existing chemicals; Environmental protection (ICS code(s): 13.020); Protection against dangerous goods (ICS code(s): 13.300); Production in the chemical industry (ICS code(s): 71.020); Products of the chemical industry (ICS code(s): 71.100)
- **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Certain Existing Chemicals; Request To Submit Unpublished Health and Safety Data Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); (7 page(s), in English)
- **6. Description of content:** Proposed rule The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) is proposing to require manufacturers (including importers) of 16 chemical substances to submit copies and lists of certain unpublished health and safety studies to EPA. Health and safety studies sought by this action will help inform EPA's responsibilities pursuant to Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), including prioritization, risk evaluation, and risk management.

The chemical substances being added by this proposed rule are:

4,4-Methylene bis(2-chloraniline) (CASRN 101–14–4); 4-tert-octylphenol(4-(1,1,3,3-Tetramethylbutyl)-phenol) (CASRN140–66–9); Acetaldehyde (CASRN75–07–0); Acrylonitrile (CASRN 107–13–1); Benzenamine (CASRN 62–53–3); Benzene (CASRN 71–43–2); Bisphenol A (CASRN 80–05–7); Ethylbenzene (CASRN 100–41–4); Naphthalene (CASRN 91–20–3); Vinyl Chloride (CASRN 75–01–4); Styrene (CASRN 100–42–5); Tribomomethane (Bromoform) (CASRN 75–25–2); Triglycidyl isocyanurate; (CASRN 2451–62–9); Hydrogen fluoride (CARN 7664–39–3); N-(1,3-Dimethylbutyl)-N'-phenyl-phenylenediamine (6PPD) (CASRN 793–24–8); and 2-anilino-5-[(4-methylpentan-2-yl) amino]cyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (6PPD-quinone) (CASRN 2754428–18–5).

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents:

89 Federal Register (FR) 20918, 26 March 2024; <u>Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations</u> (CFR) Part 716:

 $\underline{https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-03-26/html/2024-06303.htm}$

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This proposed rule is identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0360. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0360/document and provides access to primary documents and supporting materials as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from Regulations.gov by searching the Docket Number. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders by 4pm Eastern Time on 28 May 2024 will be shared with the EPA and will also be submitted to the Docket on Regulations.gov 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: 28 May 2024

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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