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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: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [2142]

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 [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): Chemical substances; Environmental protection (ICS code(s): 13.020); Production in the chemical industry (ICS code(s): 71.020); Products of the chemical industry (ICS code(s): 71.100)
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (21-4.F); (18 page(s), in English)
- 6. Description of content: Proposed rule EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (<u>TSCA</u>) for chemical substances that were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs). The chemical substances received "not likely to present an unreasonable risk" determinations pursuant to TSCA. The SNURs require persons who intend to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process any of these chemical substances for an activity that is proposed as a significant new use by this rulemaking to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing that activity. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the use, under the conditions of use for that chemical substance. In addition, the manufacture or processing for the significant new use may not commence until EPA has conducted a review of the required notification, made an appropriate determination regarding that notification, and taken such actions as required by that determination.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety; Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents:

89 Federal Register (FR) 24398, 8 April 2024; <u>Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)</u> <u>Part 721</u>:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-04-08/html/2024-07262.htm

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This proposed rule is identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2021-0228. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <u>https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPPT-2021-0228/document</u> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from <u>Regulations.gov</u> by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the <u>USA TBT Enquiry Point</u> by or before <u>4pm Eastern Time</u> on 8 May 2024. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the EPA and will also be submitted to the <u>Docket</u> on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

- 9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determinedProposed date of entry into force: To be determined
- **10.** Final date for comments: 8 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:

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/USA/24 02511 00 e.pdf