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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 19 December 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the <u>United States of America</u>.

Title: Perchloroethylene (PCE); Regulation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

Reason for Addendum:	
[]	Comment period changed - date:
[]	Notified measure adopted - date:
[X]	Notified measure published - date: 18 December 2024
[X]	Notified measure enters into force - date: 17 January 2025
[X]	Text of final measure available from ¹ :
	https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/USA/final_measure/24_08489_00_e.pdf
[]	Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date:
	Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:
[]	Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from ¹ :
	New deadline for comments (if applicable):
[]	Interpretive guidance issued and text available from ¹ :
[]	Other:

Description: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is finalizing a rule to address the unreasonable risk of injury to health presented by <u>perchloroethylene (PCE)</u> under its conditions of use. The Toxic Substances Control Act (<u>TSCA</u>) requires that EPA address by rule any unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment identified in a TSCA risk evaluation and apply requirements to the extent necessary so that the chemical no longer presents unreasonable risk. EPA's final rule will, among other things, prevent serious illness associated with uncontrolled exposures to the chemical by preventing consumer access to the chemical, restricting the industrial and commercial use of the chemical while also allowing for a reasonable transition period where the industrial and commercial use of the chemical is being prohibited, providing a time-limited exemption for a critical or essential use of PCE for which no technically and economically feasible safer alternative is available, and protecting workers from the unreasonable risk of PCE while on the job.

This final rule is effective on 17 January 2025.

¹ This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

89 Federal Register (FR) 103560, 18 December 2024; <u>Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)</u> Part 751:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-12-18/html/2024-30117.htm

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This final rule and the proposed rule notified as <u>G/TBT/N/USA/2008</u> are identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2020-0720. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPPT-2020-0720/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.