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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) [2164]

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 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other [X]: By proposing the designation of these five chemical substances as High-Priority Substances, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to build a sustainable pipeline of existing chemical risk evaluations under the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) section 6(b). The request for interested persons to submit comments on EPA's proposed designation of chemical substances as High-Priority Substances is required by TSCA section 6(b)(1)(C)(ii) and implementing regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 702.9(q)).
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): High priority 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)
- **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Proposed High-Priority Substance Designations Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Notice of Availability; (5 page(s), in English)
- **Description of content:** Notice Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (<u>TSCA</u>) and related implementing regulations, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is proposing to designate acetaldehyde (CASRN 75-07-0), acrylonitrile (CASRN 107-13-1), benzenamine (CASRN 62-53-3), vinyl chloride (CASRN 75-01-4), and 4,4-methylene bis(2-chloroaniline) (MBOCA) (CASRN 101-14-4) as High-Priority Substances for risk evaluation. EPA is providing a 90-day comment period, during which interested persons may submit comments on the proposed designations of these chemicals as High-Priority Substances for risk evaluation.
- **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:

89 Federal Register (FR) 60420, 25 July 2024:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-07-25/html/2024-16394.htm

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This notice is identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0601. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0601/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 23 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.

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

- 10. Final date for comments: 23 October 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 04923 00 e.pdf