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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

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT) [2187] <b>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:</b> Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: <a href="mailto:usatbttep@nist.gov">usatbttep@nist.gov</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Hazardous materials transport; Transport in general (ICS code(s): 03.220.01); Accident and disaster control (ICS code(s): 13.200); Protection against dangerous goods (ICS code(s): 13.300); Products of the chemical industry (ICS code(s): 71.100)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Hazardous Materials: Advancing Safety of Highway, Rail, and Vessel Transportation; (94 page(s), in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Notice of proposed rulemaking - The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) proposes to revise the Hazardous Materials Regulations to adopt several modal-specific amendments that would enhance the safe transportation of hazardous materials in commerce. PHMSA, in consultation with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the Federal Railroad Administration, and the United States Coast Guard, proposes amendments identified during Departmental review and from industry petitions for rulemaking.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment

**8. Relevant documents:**

89 Federal Register (FR) 85590, 28 October 2024; [Title 49](#) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts [107](#), [171](#), [172](#), [173](#), [174](#), [176](#), [177](#), [178](#), [179](#), and [180](#):

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-10-28/html/2024-23421.htm>

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This notice of proposed rulemaking is identified by Docket Number PHMSA-2018-0080. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/PHMSA-2018-0080/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](#) by or before [4pm Eastern Time](#) on 27 January 2025. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with PHMSA and will also be submitted to the [Docket](#) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

Referenced Notification(s):

- [G/TBT/N/USA/2014](#)

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined

**10. Final date for comments:** 27 January 2025

**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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