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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

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| 1. 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) [1260] 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 [], other: [X] 3.2 |
| 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Volatile organic compounds. Air quality (ICS: 13.040), Products of the chemical industry (ICS: 71.100) |
| 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; New Regulations for Architectural and Industrial Maintenance Coatings (3 pages, in English) |
| 6. Description of content: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve a state implementation plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Maryland. This revision pertains to a provision establishing new volatile organic compound (VOC) content limits and standards for architectural and industrial maintenance (AIM) coatings available for sale and use in Maryland. This action is being taken under the Clean Air Act (CAA). |
| 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the environment; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection |
| 8. Relevant documents: 81 Federal Register (FR) 85455, 28 November 2016; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 52. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted. |
| 9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined |
| 10. Final date for comments: 28 December 2016 |
| 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/2016/TBT/USA/16_5023_00_e.pdf |