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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: <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) [1315] 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:
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 13.020), Products of the chemical industry (ICS 71.100).
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Significant New Use Rule on Certain Chemical Substances (6 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: EPA is proposing a significant new use rule (SNUR) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for one chemical substance that was the subject of a premanufacture notice (PMN). The applicable review period for the PMN submitted for this chemical substance ended prior to 22 June 2016, the date on which President Obama signed into law the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (which amends TSCA). This action would require persons who intend to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process the chemical substance for an activity that is designated as a significant new use by this proposed rule to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing that activity. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the intended use within the applicable review period. Manufacture and processing for the significant new use is unable to commence until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and take such actions as are required with that determination.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment
8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">82 Federal Register (FR) 26644, 8 June 2017; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 721. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.G/TBT/N/USA/1226 - Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances and all subsequent addenda/corrigenda.

9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 10 July 2017
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/2017/TBT/USA/17_2679_00_e.pdf