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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> Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [1001] <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:ncsci@nist.gov">ncsci@nist.gov</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 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> Certain chemical substances. Environmental protection (ICS: 13.020), Products of the chemical industry (ICS: 71.100)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Chemical Substances When Manufactured or Processed as Nanoscale Materials; TSCA Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements (13 pages, in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> EPA is proposing reporting and recordkeeping requirements for certain chemical substances when they are manufactured or processed at the nanoscale as described in this rule. Specifically, EPA proposes to require persons that manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process, or intend to manufacture or process these chemical substances to electronically report to EPA certain information, which includes the specific chemical identity, production volume, methods of manufacture and processing, exposure and release information, and existing data concerning environmental and health effects. This proposal involves one-time reporting for existing nanoscale materials and one-time reporting for new discrete nanoscale materials before they are manufactured or processed. This information would facilitate EPA's evaluation of the materials and a determination of whether further action, including additional information collection, is needed. Consistent with the President's memorandum for Executive Agencies regarding Principles for Regulation and Oversight of Emerging Technologies, this proposed rule would facilitate assessment of risks and risk management, examination of the benefits and costs of further measures, and making future decisions based on available scientific evidence.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of the environment
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> 80 Federal Register (FR) 18330, 6 April 2015; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 704. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.

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<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be determined
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 6 July 2015
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b> <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-06/html/2015-07497.htm">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-06/html/2015-07497.htm</a> <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-06/pdf/2015-07497.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-06/pdf/2015-07497.pdf</a>