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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) [1361] 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): Oxazolidine, 3,3'-methylenebis[5-methyl- 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: Modification of Significant New Use of a Certain Chemical Substance (5 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: EPA is proposing to amend the significant new use rule (SNUR) under section 5(a)(2) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for Oxazolidine, 3,3'-methylenebis[5-methyl-, which was the subject of a premanufacture notice (PMN) and a significant new use notice (SNUN). This action would amend the SNUR to allow certain new uses reported in the SNUN without requiring additional SNUNs and make the lack of certain worker protections a new use. EPA is proposing this amendment based on review of new and existing data as described for the chemical substance. A SNUR requires persons who intend to manufacture (including import) or process this 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 would be unable to commence until EPA conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and took such actions as are required with that determination.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the environment
8. Relevant documents: 83 Federal Register (FR) 5598, 8 February 2018; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 721. 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: 23 February 2018

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/2018/TBT/USA/18_0816_00_e.pdf