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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> Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [1952] <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:usatbtep@nist.gov">usatbtep@nist.gov</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 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> Liquid chemical categorization updates; Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Transport by water (ICS code(s): 03.220.40); Environmental protection (ICS code(s): 13.020); Production in the chemical industry (ICS code(s): 71.020); Products of the chemical industry (ICS code(s): 71.100)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> 2022 Liquid Chemical Categorization Updates; (35 page(s), in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Notice of proposed rulemaking - The Coast Guard is proposing to align the Liquid Chemical Categorization tables with the 2020 Edition of the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk and the International Maritime Organization's Marine Environment Protection Committee's Circular 25. The updated tables would provide a list of the liquid hazardous materials and liquefied and compressed gases approved for international and domestic maritime transportation, and indicate how each substance is categorized by its pollution potential, safe carriage requirements, chemical flammability, combustibility, and compatibility with other substances. This proposed rule would impose no additional costs to chemical shippers or vessel owners.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of the environment; Quality requirements; Harmonization

**8. Relevant documents:**

87 Federal Register (FR) 57984, 22 September 2022; Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 30 and 150:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-09-22/html/2022-18798.htm>

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This notice of proposed rulemaking is identified by Docket Number USCG-2022-0327. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/USCG-2022-0327/document> and provides access to primary 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 21 December 2022. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the regulator and will also be submitted to the [Docket](#) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

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

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

**10. Final date for comments:** 21 December 2022

**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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