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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) [1033] 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: ncsci@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): Toxic substances. Environmental protection (ICS: 13.020)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: TSCA Section 5 Premanufacture and Significant New Use Notification Electronic Reporting (9 pages, in English)
6.	Description of content: EPA is taking direct final action to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) section 5 electronic reporting regulations. These electronic reporting regulations establish standards and requirements for use of EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX) to electronically submit premanufacture notices (PMNs), other TSCA section 5 notices, and support documents to the Agency. This rule provides the user community with new methods for accessing the e-PMN software, new procedures for completing the electronic-PMN (e-PMN) form, changes to the CDX registration process, adds the requirement to submit "bona fide intents to manufacture" electronically, and changes to the procedure for notifying EPA of any new manufacturing site of a chemical substance for which an exemption was granted by EPA. This action is intended to further streamline and reduce the administrative costs and burdens of TSCA section 5 notifications for both industry and EPA.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the environment
8.	Relevant documents: 80 Federal Register (FR) 42739, 20 July 2015; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 720, 721, 723 and 725. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 19 January 2016 Proposed date of entry into force: 19 January 2016
10.	Final date for comments: 19 August 2015
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/2015/TBT/USA/15_2889_00_e.pdf