NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United States of America  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [1476]  **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 [****X],** **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):** Fuel; Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, other than crude; preparations not elsewhere specified or included, containing by weight 70% or more of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals, these oils being the basic constituents of the preparations; waste oils (HS 2710); Quality (ICS 03.120), Fuels (ICS 75.160), Air quality (ICS 13.040) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Modifications to Fuel Regulations To Provide Flexibility for E15; Modifications to RFS RIN Market Regulations (47 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing regulatory changes to allow gasoline blended with up to 15 percent ethanol to take advantage of the 1-pound per square inch (psi) Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) waiver that currently applies to E10 during the summer months. EPA is also proposing an interpretive rulemaking which defines gasoline blended with up to 15 percent ethanol as "substantially similar" to the fuel used to certify Tier 3 motor vehicles. Finally, EPA is proposing regulatory changes to modify certain elements of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) compliance system, in order to improve functioning of the renewable identification number (RIN) market and prevent market manipulation. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * 84 Federal Register (FR) 10584, 21 March 2019; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 80. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted. * Public Hearing for Modifications To Fuel Regulations To Provide Flexibility for E15; Modifications to RFS RIN Market Regulations published 18 March 2019:   <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-03-18/html/2019-05034.htm>  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-03-18/pdf/2019-05034.pdf>   * [G/TBT/N/USA/794](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&query=@Symbol=G/TBT/N/USA/794*&Language=English&Context=ScriptedSearches&languageUIChanged=true) and [G/TBT/N/USA/794/Add.1](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&query=@Symbol=G/TBT/N/USA/794/Add.1*&Language=English&Context=ScriptedSearches&languageUIChanged=true) - RFS Renewable Identification Number (RIN) Quality Assurance Program * [G/TBT/N/USA/830](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&query=@Symbol=G/TBT/N/USA/830*&Language=English&Context=ScriptedSearches&languageUIChanged=true) - Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: RFS Pathways II and Technical; Amendments to the RFS 2 Standards |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 29 April 2019 |
| **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/2019/TBT/USA/19_1677_00_e.pdf> |