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):** State of New York |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Environmental Conservation, State of New York [1479]  **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](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ],** **2.10.1 [ ],** **5.6.2 [ ],** **5.7.1 [ ],** **other:**Technical Regulation - Local Government (Article 3.2) |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Volatile organic compounds; Air quality (ICS 13.040), Paint coating processes (ICS 87.020), Paints and varnishes (ICS 87.040) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in Architectural and Industrial Maintenance (AIM) Coatings (6 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Architectural and industrial maintenance (AIM) coatings, commonly referred to as paints, release volatile organic compounds (VOCs) into the atmosphere. VOC content is regulated in Part 205 for 52 coating categories. The major revisions to this proposal are to reduce the VOC limit on 12 coating categories, create VOC limits for 12 additional coating categories, eliminate 15 coating categories and eliminate the quart exemption. This proposal applies to any person who supplies, sells, offers for sale or manufactures architectural coatings for use in the State of New York. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Title 6 New York Codes Rules and Regulations, Parts 200, 205: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/2492.html> * Vol. XLI, Issue 10, New York State Register 6 March 2019 (pages 4-9): <https://docs.dos.ny.gov/info/register/2019/mar6/rulemaking.pdf> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 20 May 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_1818_00_e.pdf> |