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) [1581]**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):** Ethylene oxide emissions; Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Cleanrooms and associated controlled environments (ICS 13.040.35), Oxides (ICS 71.060.20) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Ethylene Oxide Commercial Sterilization and Fumigation Operations (11 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** In this advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting information that will aid in potential future revisions to the Ethylene Oxide Emission Standards for Sterilization Facilities. The EPA is soliciting information and requesting comment on potential control measures for reducing ethylene oxide (EtO) emissions from commercial sterilization facilities. These control measures include controls for fugitive emissions of EtO, safety measures for the chamber exhaust vents (CEVs), process equipment improvements, and advances in add-on control technologies for point sources. In addition, the EPA is considering, and requesting comment on, how best to assess potential impacts on small businesses. The EPA is also taking comment on the available EtO usage data for individual facilities and on additional data contained in the modeling file that will be used to evaluate the impact of emissions from commercial EtO sterilizers. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** * 84 Federal Register (FR) 67889, 12 December 2019; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 63: [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-12-12/html/2019-26804.htm>](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-12-12/html/2019-26804.htm)[<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-12-12/pdf/2019-26804.pdf>](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-12-12/pdf/2019-26804.pdf)
* Supporting Documents:[<https://www.regulations.gov/docketBrowser?rpp=25&so=DESC&sb=commentDueDate&po=0&dct=SR%2BO&D=EPA-HQ-OAR-2019-0178>](https://www.regulations.gov/docketBrowser?rpp=25&so=DESC&sb=commentDueDate&po=0&dct=SR%2BO&D=EPA-HQ-OAR-2019-0178)
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| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 10 February 2020 |
| **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_7342_00_e.pdf> |