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) [1714]  **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** **[X]:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Asbestos (Chrysotile Asbestos), risk evaluation; Asbestos (excl. products made from asbestos) (HS 2524); Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Protection against dangerous goods (ICS 13.300), Production in the chemical industry (ICS 71.020), Products of the chemical industry (ICS 71.100) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Asbestos (Part 1: Chrysotile Asbestos); Final Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Risk Evaluation; Notice of Availability (3 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Notice - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of the final Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) risk evaluation of Asbestos Part 1 (Chrysotile Asbestos). The purpose of conducting risk evaluations under TSCA is to determine whether a chemical substance presents an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment under the conditions of use, including an unreasonable risk to a relevant potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulation, without consideration of costs or other nonrisk factors. EPA has determined that specific conditions of use of Chrysotile Asbestos present an unreasonable risk of injury to health. For those conditions of use for which EPA has found an unreasonable risk, EPA must take regulatory action to address that unreasonable risk through risk management measures enumerated in TSCA. EPA has also determined that specific conditions of use do not present unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment. For those conditions of use for which EPA has found no unreasonable risk to health or the environment, the Agency's determination is a final Agency action and is issued via order in the risk evaluation. EPA is currently developing Part 2 of the TSCA risk evaluation for Asbestos which will evaluate risk of injury to health or the environment for legacy uses and associated disposals of asbestos. The Agency plans to release a draft scope for Part 2 of the risk evaluation for Asbestos for public comment mid-year 2021. |
| **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:**   * 86 Federal Register (FR) 89, 4 January 2021:   <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-01-04/html/2020-29109.htm>  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-01-04/pdf/2020-29109.pdf>  This notice is identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2019-0501. The Docket Folder is available on [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2019-0501> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) by searching the Docket Number. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** None |
| **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/2021/TBT/USA/21_0288_00_e.pdf> |