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) [1985]**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 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****:**  |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Hydrofluorocarbons; Environmental protection (ICS code(s): 13.020); Production in the chemical industry (ICS code(s): 71.020); Products of the chemical industry (ICS code(s): 71.100) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Restrictions on the Use of Certain Hydrofluorocarbons Under Subsection (i) the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020 ; (76 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Notice of proposed rulemaking and advance notice of proposed rulemaking - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to issue regulations to implement certain provisions of the [American Innovation and Manufacturing Act](https://www.epa.gov/climate-hfcs-reduction/aim-act), as enacted on 27 December 2020. This rulemaking proposes to: restrict the use of hydrofluorocarbons in specific sectors or subsectors in which they are used; establish a process for submitting [technology transitions petitions](https://www.epa.gov/climate-hfcs-reduction/technology-transition-petitions-under-aim-act); establish recordkeeping and reporting requirements; and address certain other elements related to the effective implementation of the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act. The proposed restrictions on the use of hydrofluorocarbons would, in part, address petitions granted on [7 October 2021, and 19 September 2022](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-10-04/html/2022-21510.htm). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is also seeking advance information on certain topics that may be helpful to developing a future proposed rule including on restrictions on the use of hydrofluorocarbons for certain other sectors and subsectors and on a third-party auditing program to verify substances used in products. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 87 Federal Register (FR) 76738, 15 December 2022; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 84: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-12-15/html/2022-26981.htm><https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-12-15/pdf/2022-26981.pdf>This notice of proposed rulemaking and advance notice of proposed rulemaking is identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0643. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0643/document> 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. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point by or before [4pm](http://time-time.net/times/time-zones/usa-canada/current-eastern-time-est.php) [Eastern Time](https://24timezones.com/time-zone/et) on 30 January 2023. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the regulator and will also be submitted to the [Docket](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0643/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.Reducing Use of HFCs<https://www.epa.gov/climate-hfcs-reduction> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 30 January 2023 |
| **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/2022/TBT/USA/22_8643_00_e.pdf> |