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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	**Notifying Member:** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA **If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):**
2.	**Agency responsible:** Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [2316]
3.	**Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], Other:**
4.	**Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Marine foam fire-extinguishing systems; Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Protection against fire (ICS code(s): 13.220); Seagoing vessels (ICS code(s): 47.040); Inland navigation vessels (ICS code(s): 47.060); Small craft (ICS code(s): 47.080)
5.	**Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access):** Foam Fire-Extinguishing Systems; (39 page(s), in English) **Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request:** https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/USA/26_02792_00_e.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** Notice of proposed rulemaking - The Coast Guard must approve marine foam fire-extinguishing systems. Currently, eight guidance documents set out the existing type approval criteria. The Coast Guard proposes to update and codify the type approval criteria to reflect current industry practices. Criteria updates would reflect advancements in technology, reduce certain testing and design requirements, and reduce the administrative burden on industry and the government. This deregulatory measure would result in cost savings for industry and the government.
7.	**Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety; Quality requirements; Cost saving and productivity enhancement
8.	**Relevant documents:** 91 Federal Register (FR) 30557, 26 May 2026; Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 162: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-05-26/html/2026-10413.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-05-26/pdf/2026-10413.pdf This notice of proposed rulemaking is identified by Docket Number USCG-2022-0471. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/USCG-2022-0471/document and provides access to

	primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from 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.	**Provision of comments** **Final date for comments:** 27 July 2026 **[ ] 60 days from notification** WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point by or before 4pm Eastern Time on 27 July 2026. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with USCG and submitted to the Docket if received within the comment period. **Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:** Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov