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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:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [2317]
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 codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Hydrofluorocarbons; Transport (ICS code(s): 03.220); 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); Commercial refrigerating appliances (ICS code(s): 97.130.20)
5.	**Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access):** Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Excluding Road and Intermodal Container Transport Refrigeration Units From the Hydrofluorocarbon Leak Repair Requirements; (7 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_02788_00_e.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** Proposed rule - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing an exemption for road and intermodal container transport refrigeration units (TRUs) from the leak repair requirements established under the American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM Act). In the final rule ''Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Management of Certain Hydrofluorocarbons and Substitutes Under the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020,'' (notified as G/TBT/N/USA/2242/Add.2) the EPA established, among other provisions, leak repair requirements for refrigerant-containing appliances with a charge size of 15 pounds or more that contain a hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) or certain substitutes for HFCs. The EPA intended to exempt refrigerant-containing road and intermodal container TRUs from the leak repair requirements and is issuing this proposal to clarify the applicability of these requirements. The EPA is not proposing other amendments or taking comment on any other aspects of the 2024 ''Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Management of Certain Hydrofluorocarbons and Substitutes Under the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020.''
7.	**Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of the environment; Cost saving and productivity enhancement
8.	**Relevant documents:**

	91 Federal Register (FR) 30532, 26 May 2026; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 84: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-05-26/html/2026-10388.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-05-26/pdf/2026-10388.pdf This proposed rule is identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2026-2905. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2026-2905/document and provides access to primary and supporting 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:** 10 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 10 July 2026. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with EPA and submitted to the Docket if received within the comment period. Any party requesting a public hearing must notify Annie Kee at email address: kee.annie@epa.gov by 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on or before 1 June 2026. If a public hearing is held, it will take place on or before 10 June 2026. **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