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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: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [2250]
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): Renewable fuel standards; Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Fuels (ICS code(s): 75.160)
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages, means of access): Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program: Standards for 2026 and 2027, Partial Waiver of 2025 Cellulosic Biofuel Volume Requirement, and Other Changes; (88 page(s), in English) Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbttep@nist.gov https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/25_04171_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Proposed rule - Under the Clean Air Act (CAA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to determine the applicable volume requirements for the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) for years after those specified in the statute. EPA is proposing the applicable volumes and percentage standards for 2026 and 2027 for cellulosic biofuel, biomass-based diesel (BBD), advanced biofuel, and total renewable fuel. EPA is also proposing to partially waive the 2025 cellulosic biofuel volume requirement and revise the associated percentage standard due to a shortfall in cellulosic biofuel production. Finally, EPA is proposing several regulatory changes to the RFS program, including reducing the number of Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) generated for imported renewable fuel and renewable fuel produced from foreign feedstocks and removing renewable electricity as a qualifying renewable fuel under the RFS program (eRINs).
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Quality requirements; Cost saving and productivity enhancement

8. Relevant documents:

90 Federal Register (FR) 25784, 17 June 2025; [Title 40](#) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts [80](#) and [1090](#):

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-06-17/html/2025-11128.htm>

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This proposed rule is identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2024-0505. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2024-0505/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](https://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 Eastern Time](#) on 8 August 2025. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with EPA and will also be submitted to the [Docket](#) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

Public Hearing for Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program: Standards for 2026 and 2027, Partial Waiver of 2025 Cellulosic Biofuel Volume Requirement, and Other Changes; Notice: public hearing published 17 June 2025:

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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: 8 August 2025

[] 60 days from notification

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