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## **Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

## Original: English

## **NOTIFICATION**

## Addendum

The following communication, dated 18 September 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the <u>United States of America</u>.

**Title:** Trichloroethylene; Regulation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Compliance Date Extension

Reason for Addendum:	
[X]	Comment period changed - date: 17 October 2025
[]	Notified measure adopted - date:
[X]	Notified measure published - date: 17 September 2025
[X]	Notified measure enters into force - date: 15 September 2025
[X]	Text of final measure available from¹: <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/final_measure/25_06130_00">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/final_measure/25_06130_00</a>
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[]	Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date:
	Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:
[]	Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from <sup>1</sup> :
	New deadline for comments (if applicable):
[]	Interpretive guidance issued and text available from <sup>1</sup> :
[]	Other:

**Description:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is taking interim final action on the Regulation of Trichloroethylene (TCE) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to revise certain compliance deadlines finalized in 2024. Specifically, EPA is amending the prohibition compliance date for the use of TCE as a processing aid in the manufacture of nuclear fuel, with corresponding changes to the compliance dates for the manufacturing, processing and distribution in commerce of TCE to support such use, to a prohibition on 15 September 2028. EPA is also amending the prohibition compliance date for the disposal of TCE to wastewater by processors of TCE and processors and industrial and commercial users of TCE as a processing aid, to begin on 18 December 2026. EPA is also amending the compliance deadline for downstream notification, and the text required to be present in Safety Data Sheets, to accurately reflect the new prohibition compliance deadline for TCE used as a processing aid in the manufacture of nuclear fuel. EPA is amending this compliance deadline to allow for 90 days after the publication of the final rule for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

manufacturers, processors, and distributors in commerce of TCE to make such a change. These revisions are necessary to address new information presented to EPA about inadvertent oversights in the original rulemaking and serious concerns that the facilities at issue will be unable to comply with the relevant requirements by the existing deadlines. EPA is requesting comments on all aspects of this interim final rule and will consider all comments received in determining whether amendments to this rule are appropriate after the conclusion of the comment period.

This interim final rule is effective on 15 September 2025. Comments must be received on or before 17 October 2025.

90 Federal Register (FR) 44772, 17 September 2025; <u>Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)</u> Part 751:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-09-17/html/2025-17948.htm

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This action and previous actions notified under the symbol <u>G/TBT/N/USA/2062</u> are identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2020-0642. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPPT-2020-0642/document">https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPPT-2020-0642/document</a> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from <a href="Regulations.gov">Regulations.gov</a> by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the <a href="USA TBT Enquiry Point">USA TBT Enquiry Point</a> by or before <a href="4pm">4pm</a> <a href="Eastern Time">Eastern Time</a> on 17 October 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 <a href="Docket">Docket</a> on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.