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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

Revision

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): State of California

2. Agency responsible:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- 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): Secondary lead smelters; Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Air quality (ICS code(s): 13.040); Lead, zinc, tin and their alloys (ICS code(s): 77.120.60); Equipment for the metallurgical industry (ICS code(s): 77.180)
- 5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Secondary Lead Smelting Technology Review; (19 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/2025/TBT/USA/25_06641_00_e.pdf

- 6. Description of content: Proposed rule The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing amendments to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for the Secondary Lead Smelting source category ("Secondary Lead Smelting NESHAP") under Clean Air Act (CAA) section 112. The EPA did not identify any costeffective developments in practices, processes, and/or control technologies and is not proposing changes to the Secondary Lead Smelting NESHAP as a result of the technology review. The EPA is proposing to address previously unregulated hazardous air pollutants (HAP) from this source category. We are also addressing outstanding petition issues from the 2012 Secondary Lead Smelting (RTR), hereafter referred to as the 2012 RTR. In response to the petitions, we are taking comment on our conclusion in the 2012 RTR that the Secondary Lead Smelting NESHAP provides an ample margin of safety to protect public health and on two additional provisions. In addition, the EPA is proposing revisions related to emissions during periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction; to add requirements for electronic reporting; to revise monitoring requirements; and to make other minor technical revisions.
- 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) 47268, 1 October 2025; <u>Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations</u> (CFR) Part 63:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-10-01/html/2025-19155.htm

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This proposed rule is identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0078. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0078/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.

Previous actions notified under the symbol <u>G/TBT/N/USA/1947</u> are identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0481. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0481/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: 17 November 2025

[] 60 days from notification

WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the <u>USA TBT Enquiry Point</u> by or before <u>4pm Eastern Time</u> on 17 November 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 <u>Docket</u> on Regulations.gov 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