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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

<p>1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</p>
<p>2. Agency responsible: European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: https://technical-barriers-trade.ec.europa.eu/en/home</p>
<p>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], Other:</p>
<p>4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Drug precursors</p>
<p>5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on monitoring and controlling drug precursors and repealing Regulations (EC) No 273/2004 and (EC) No 111/2005 EUR-Lex - 52025PC0747 - EN - EUR-Lex; (102 page(s), in English), (56 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/EEC/26_01005_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/EEC/26_01005_01_e.pdf European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43 E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu The text is available on the Website: https://technical-barriers-trade.ec.europa.eu/en/home</p>
<p>6. Description of content: The new rules will implement Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, adopted in Vienna on 19 December 1988. They will replace two existing Regulations (Regulation (EC) No 273/2004 on drug precursors for internal market and Regulation (EC) No 111/2005 on trade between EU Member States and third countries). The new rules will simplify and streamline the existing rules and will introduce a new category of precursors – designer precursors, with specific obligations attached for operators. Designer precursors are substances with no known legitimate uses except research and innovation, close chemical relatives of precursors with legitimate uses already placed under control. The trade and use of such precursors will be subject to a prior-notification or a licence, depending on the quantities needed or purpose of the transaction or use (research and innovation or other</p>

<p>legitimate purpose). The new rules will also set the legal basis for a centralised electronic system which will support the digitisation of all formalities required therein.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: the proposal is based on two general objectives: reducing the availability of drug precursors for the illicit manufacture of drugs and facilitate the legitimate trade and use of drug precursors. The proposal strikes a fair balance between the need to reinforce controls of drug precursors to avoid their diversion towards illicit channels and the need not to place an unreasonable burden on the chemical industry, including research and innovation.; National security requirements; Harmonization; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal of a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on controlling and monitoring of drug precursors and repealing Regulations (EC) No 273/2004 and (EC) No 111/2005, with 10 Annexes • Impact assessment supporting the proposal
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: N/A</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: 20 days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union, with an application date deferred by at least two years.</p>
<p>10. Provision of comments</p> <p>Final date for comments: 21 May 2026 (90 days from notification)</p> <p>[] 60 days from notification</p> <p>Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:</p> <p>European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu</p>