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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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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):
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): Formaldehyde emissions, composite wood materials; Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Air quality (ICS code(s): 13.040); Wood technology processes (ICS code(s): 79.020)
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Voluntary Consensus Standards Update; Formaldehyde Emission Standards for Composite Wood Products; (10 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/crattachments/2026/TBT/USA/26_00883_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Proposed rule - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to update the incorporation by reference of several voluntary consensus standards in the Agency's formaldehyde standards for composite wood products regulations under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) due to the standards having been updated or superseded by the issuing organizations. These new standards primarily update test methods and product standards concerning composite wood products that use formaldehyde. EPA is also proposing to conform these updated standards in the scope and definitional sections in the final rule and to incorporate by reference a new small scale quality control chamber test method, similar to current methods already incorporated by reference.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Quality requirements; Cost saving and productivity enhancement
8. Relevant documents: 91 Federal Register (FR) 6161, 11 February 2026; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 770 :

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-02-11/html/2026-02715.htm>

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This proposed rule is identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0245. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0245/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.

Previous actions notified under the symbol [G/TBT/N/USA/827](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0245/document) are identified by Docket Numbers [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2012-0018](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPPT-2012-0018), [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0174](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0174) and [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2019-0456](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPPT-2019-0456) and provide access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received.

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: 13 March 2026

[] 60 days from notification

WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](https://www.usatbtep.nist.gov) by or before **4pm Eastern Time** on 13 March 2026. 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](https://www.regulations.gov) 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