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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: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT) [2294]
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): Hazardous materials transport; Transport (ICS code(s): 03.220); Protection against dangerous goods (ICS code(s): 13.300); Products of the chemical industry (ICS code(s): 71.100)
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Hazardous Materials: Harmonization With International Standards; (76 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/USA/26_00846_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) - The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) proposes to amend the Hazardous Materials Regulations to adopt certain international regulations and standards related to proper shipping names, hazard classes, packing groups, special provisions, packaging authorizations, air transport quantity limitations, and vessel stowage requirements. These amendments are intended to maintain consistency with the latest international standards and regulations, and to reduce costs to entities or individuals within the United States or to otherwise lower the cost of regulations on the United States economy.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety; Harmonization; Cost saving and productivity enhancement
8. Relevant documents: 91 Federal Register (FR) 5996, 10 February 2026; Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 171 , 172 , 173 , 175 , 176 , 178 , and 180 : https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-02-10/html/2026-02575.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-02-10/pdf/2026-02575.pdf

This notice of proposed rulemaking is identified by Docket Number PHMSA-2023-0111. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/PHMSA-2023-0111/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.

Relevant notifications:

- [G/TBT/N/USA/1761](#)
- [G/TBT/N/USA/2006](#)

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 April 2026

[] 60 days from notification

WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](#) by or before [4pm Eastern Time](#) on 13 April 2026. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with PHMSA and submitted to the [Docket](#) 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