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

Original: English

## **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 (Article 3.2 and 7.2): State of California
- **2. Agency responsible:** Environmental Protection Agency, Air Resources Board, State of California [1366]

Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:

Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point

Email: <u>usatbtep@nist.gov</u>

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other: Technical Regulation Local Government (Article 3.2)
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Hydrofluorocarbons; Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Products of the chemical industry (ICS 71.100).
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Prohibitions on Use of Certain Hydrofluorocarbons in Stationary Refrigeration and Foam End-Uses (7 page(s), in English)
- **6. Description of content:** Establishes rules to establish specific prohibitions on the use of high global warming potential refrigerants in new and retrofit stationary refrigeration equipment and certain HFCs used as blowing agents in foam end uses. Provides record keeping requirement that would require the production of these documents if the California Air Resources Board (CARB) requests them. Provides for a disclosure requirement on the invoice produced by the manufacturer for these end uses.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the environment
- 8. Relevant documents:
  - High-Global Warming Potential Refrigerant Emissions Reductions Regulation: <a href="https://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2018/casnap/casnap.htm">https://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2018/casnap/casnap.htm</a>
  - No. 5-Z, California Regulatory Notice Register 2 February 2018 (pages 185-191): https://oal.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2018/02/5z-2018.pdf

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

**10.** Final date for comments: 19 March 2018

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/USA/18 1148 00 e.pdf

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