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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: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 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: usatbtep@nist.gov
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Formaldehyde emissions, composite wood products. Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Wood technology processes (ICS 79.020).
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Voluntary Consensus Standards Update; Formaldehyde Emission Standards for Composite Wood Products (2 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: EPA is proposing to amend the formaldehyde emission standards for composite wood products final rule, published in the Federal Register on 12 December 2016 (81 FR 89674). The proposed amendment would update multiple voluntary consensus standards that have been updated, superseded, or withdrawn since publication of the notices of proposed rulemaking on 10 June 2013 (78 FR 34796 and 78 FR 34820) and would amend an existing regulatory provision regarding the correlation of quality control test methods.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment
8. Relevant documents: 82 Federal Register (FR) 49302, 25 October 2017; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 770. Voluntary Consensus Standards Update; Formaldehyde Emission Standards for Composite Wood Products, Direct Final Rule published 25 October 2017 will be issued as G/TBT/N/USA/827/Rev.2/Add.1: https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-25/html/2017-23062.htm https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-25/pdf/2017-23062.pdf ,

9.	Proposed date of adoption: 11 December 2017 Proposed date of entry into force: 11 December 2017
10.	Final date for comments: 9 November 2017
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone or fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/USA/17_4790_00_e.pdf