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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 (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [1258] 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): Alkylpyrrolidones. Environmental protection (ICS: 13.020), Organic chemicals (ICS: 71.080)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Alkylpyrrolidones; Significant New Use Rule (7 pages, in English)
6.	Description of content: Under the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA), EPA is proposing a significant new use rule (SNUR) for two alkylpyrrolidones: N-ethylpyrrolidone (NEP) and N-isopropylpyrrolidone (NiPP). The proposed significant new uses are any use of NiPP and any use of NEP except for the ongoing uses as a reactant, in silicone seal remover, coatings, consumer and commercial paint primer, and adhesives. Persons subject to the SNUR would be required to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing any manufacturing or processing of the chemical substance for a significant new use. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the conditions of use within the applicable review period. Manufacture and processing for the significant new use is unable to commence until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and taken such actions as are required in association with that determination.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the environment
8.	Relevant documents: 81 Federal Register (FR) 85472, 28 November 2016; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 721. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 27 January 2017
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/crattachments/2016/TBT/USA/16_5002_00_e.pdf