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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: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [1591] 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 [X], 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): Polychlorinated Dibenzo-p-Dioxins and Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans; Pollution, pollution control and conservation (ICS 13.020.40), Stationary source emissions (ICS 13.040.40), Environmental testing (ICS 19.040), Production in the chemical industry (ICS 71.020), Organic chemicals (ICS 71.080)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: EPA Method 23 - Determination of Polychlorinated Dibenzo-p-Dioxins and Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans From Stationary Sources (44 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: Proposed rule - This action proposes editorial and technical revisions to the Environmental Protection Agency's Method 23 (Determination of Polychlorinated Dibenzo-p-Dioxins and Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans from Stationary Sources). Proposed revisions include incorporating isotope dilution for quantifying all target compounds and changing the method quality control from the current prescriptive format to a more flexible performance-based approach with specified performance criteria. We are also proposing revisions that will expand the list of target compounds of Method 23 to include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The proposed revisions will improve the accuracy of Method 23 and will provide flexibility to stack testers and analytical laboratories who measure semivolatile organic compounds (SVOC) from stationary sources while ensuring that the stack testing community can consistently implement the method across emissions sources and facilities.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety; Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment

<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 85 Federal Register (FR) 2234, 14 January 2020; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 60, 63 and 266: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-01-14/html/2019-27842.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-01-14/pdf/2019-27842.pdf• Supporting documents accessible from Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docketBrowser?rpp=25&so=DESC&sb=commentDueDate&po=0&dct=SR%2BO&D=EPA-HQ-OAR-2016-0677
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 16 March 2020</p>
<p>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/2020/TBT/USA/20_0506_00_e.pdf</p>