Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. **Party and Agency:** United States: Environmental Protection Agency (969)

2. **Provision of the Agreement:** Proposed technical regulation (Article 2.5.2)

3. **Product(s) covered, CCCN Heading (National Tariff Heading where applicable):**
   - Pesticide products containing ethylene dibromide (edb)

4. **Title of project:** Preliminary notice of determination concluding the Rebuttable Presumption Against Registration (RPAR) of pesticides containing ethylene dibromide

5. **Description:** The Agency has concluded that the presumptions for oncogenicity, mutagenicity, and reproductive disorders have not been rebutted

6. **Objective and rationale:** After evaluating the human health risks and the economic benefits, EPA has decided to immediately cancel use of edb on stored grain, flour mill machinery, and felled logs, to cancel use of edb for post-harvest fumigation of citrus and tropical fruits effective 1 July 1983, to allow continued but restricted use for fumigation of soil, stored beehives, stored furniture and clothing and nursery stock, and to defer a decision on use of edb for control of termites, but require use restrictions in the interim.

7. **Relevant document(s):**

8. **Where published, when adopted:** Federal Register

9. **Final date for submission of comments:** 10 March 1981

10. **Proposed date of adoption and entry into force:** To be determined