NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **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) [1401]**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):** Lead-based paintPaints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in a non-aqueous medium; solutions as defined in Note 4 to this Chapter. (HS 3208), Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium. (HS 3209). Terminology (principles and coordination) (ICS 01.020), Domestic safety (ICS 13.120), Paints and varnishes (ICS 87.040), Paint ingredients (ICS 87.060). |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Review of the Dust-Lead Hazard Standards and the Definition of Lead-Based Paint (13 page(s), in English)  |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Addressing childhood lead exposure is a priority for EPA. As part of EPA's efforts to reduce childhood lead exposure, EPA evaluated the current dust-lead hazard standards (DLHS) and the definition of lead-based paint (LBP). Based on this evaluation, EPA is proposing to lower the DLHS from 40 [mu]g/ft\2\ and 250 [mu]g/ft\2\ to 10 [mu]g/ft\2\ and 100 [mu]g/ft\2\ on floors and window sills, respectively. EPA is proposing no changes to the current definition of LBP due to insufficient information to support such a change. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 83 Federal Register (FR) 30889, 2 July 2018; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 745. 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:** 16 August 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_3604_00_e.pdf> |