



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: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT) [2150] 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 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Pipeline safety; Accident and disaster control (ICS code(s): 13.200); Pipeline components and pipelines (ICS code(s): 23.040)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Pipeline Safety: Periodic Updates of Regulatory References to Technical Standards and Miscellaneous Amendments; (21 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: Final rule - PHMSA is amending the Federal pipeline safety regulations (PSRs) to incorporate by reference all or parts of more than 20 new or updated voluntary, consensus industry technical standards. This action allows pipeline operators to use current technologies, improved materials, and updated industry and management practices. Additionally, PHMSA is clarifying certain regulatory provisions and making several editorial corrections.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade; Cost saving and productivity enhancement
8. Relevant documents: 89 Federal Register (FR) 33264, 29 April 2024; Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 192 , and 195 : https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-04-29/html/2024-08624.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-04-29/pdf/2024-08624.pdf Pipeline Safety: Periodic Updates of Regulatory References to Technical Standards and Miscellaneous Amendments; Notice of proposed rulemaking published 15 January 2021:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-01-15/html/2020-28785.htm>

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This final rule and the notice of proposed rulemaking are identified by Docket Number PHMSA-2016-0002. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/PHMSA-2016-0002/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) by searching the Docket Number.

9. Proposed date of adoption: 28 June 2024

Proposed date of entry into force: 28 June 2024

10. Final date for comments: Not Applicable

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/2024/TBT/USA/24_03123_00_e.pdf