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## **Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

## **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): State of California

2. Agency responsible:

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) [2148]

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: <a href="mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov">usatbtep@nist.gov</a>

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [X], 7.2 [ ], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Natural gas motor vehicle fuel specifications; Natural gas (ICS code(s): 75.060); Petroleum products and natural gas handling equipment (ICS code(s): 75.200)
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Fuel Specifications and Labeling of Natural Gas; (6 page(s), in English)
- **6. Description of content:** Proposed rule On 26 April 2024, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), Division of Measurement Standards (DMS) proposes to add California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 4, Sections 4192.1 and 4192.2 and amend Sections 4206 and 4207 to adopt and incorporate by reference two natural gas motor vehicle fuel specifications (ASTM D8080 and D8487) and update the natural gas fuel dispenser label requirements to coincide with these fuel specifications. A public hearing is not scheduled. Any interested person or his or her authorized representative may submit written comments to CDFA-DMS that are relevant to the proposed regulatory action.
- **7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection

## 8. Relevant documents:

California Regulatory Notice Register, No. 17-Z, 26 April 2024 (pages 483-486): <a href="https://oal.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/166/2024/04/2024-Notice-Register-No.-17-Z-April-26-2024.pdf">https://oal.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/166/2024/04/2024-Notice-Register-No.-17-Z-April-26-2024.pdf</a>

Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action

Proposed Text of the 45-day comment period

**Initial Statement of Reasons** 

Further Information at <a href="https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dms/regulations.html">https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dms/regulations.html</a>

WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the <u>USA TBT Enquiry Point</u>. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders by <u>4pm Eastern Time</u> on 11 June 2024 will be shared with CDFA if received within the comment period.

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Final date for comments: 11 June 2024

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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