NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 6 May 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

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**Title:** Procedures for Chemical Risk Evaluation Under the Amended Toxic Substances Control Act

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| **Reason for Addendum:** |
| [ ] | Comment period changed - date:  |
| [ ] | Notified measure adopted - date:  |
| [X] | Notified measure published - date: 3 May 2024 |
| [X] | Notified measure enters into force - date: 2 July 2024 |
| [X] | Text of final measure available from[[1]](#footnote-1): 89 Federal Register (FR) 37028, Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 702:<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-05-03/html/2024-09417.htm><https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-05-03/pdf/2024-09417.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/USA/final_measure/24_03115_00_e.pdf> |
| [ ] | Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date: Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:  |
| [ ] | Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from1: New deadline for comments (if applicable):  |
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**Description:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) is finalizing amendments to the procedural framework rule for conducting [risk evaluations](https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-evaluations-existing-chemicals-under-tsca) under the Toxic Substances Control Act ([TSCA](https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-toxic-substances-control-act)). The purpose of risk evaluations under TSCA is to determine whether a chemical substance presents an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment, without consideration of costs or non-risk factors, including unreasonable risk to potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations identified as relevant to the risk evaluation by EPA, under the conditions of use. EPA reconsidered the procedural framework rule for conducting such risk evaluations and is revising certain aspects of that framework to better align with the statutory text and applicable court decisions, to reflect the Agency's experience implementing the risk evaluation program following enactment of the 2016 TSCA amendments, and to allow for consideration of future scientific advances in the risk evaluation process without need to further amend the Agency's procedural rule.

This final rule is effective on 2 July 2024

[Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 702](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-40/chapter-I/subchapter-R/part-702)

This final rule and the proposed rule notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/1276/Rev.1](https://eping.wto.org/en/Search?domainIds=1&documentSymbol=usa%2F1276%2Frev.1) are identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0496. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0496/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.

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1. This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)