NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 22 September 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

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**Title:** Hazardous Materials: Modernizing Regulations To Improve Safety and Efficiency

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| **Reason for Addendum:** | |
| [X] | Comment period changed - date: 4 December 2023; 88 Federal Register (FR) 65148, 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180:  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-09-21/html/2023-20440.htm>  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-09-21/pdf/2023-20440.pdf> |
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| [ ] | Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date:  Relevant symbol if measure re-notified: |
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| [ ] | Other: |

**Description:** Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period - On 5 July 2023, PHMSA published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking, titled "[Hazardous Materials: Modernizing Regulations to Improve Safety and Efficiency (HM-265A)](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-07-05/html/2023-13903.htm)," seeking comment of 46 topics related to modernizing the hazardous materials regulations to increase efficiency while maintaining and improving safety. In response to a request for an extension of the comment period submitted by the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, PHMSA is extending the comment period for the HM-265A notice for an additional 60 days. Comments to the HM-265A notice will now be due by 4 December 2023.

The comment period for the proposed rule published 5 July 2023, at [88 FR 43016](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-07-05/html/2023-13903.htm), is extended. Comments should be received on or before 4 December 2023. To the extent possible, PHMSA will consider late- filed comments.

This extension of comment period and the advance notice of proposed rulemaking notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/2014](https://eping.wto.org/en/Search?domainIds=1&documentSymbol=usa%2F2014) are identified by Docket Number PHMSA-2019-0031. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/PHMSA-2019-0031/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov) by or before [4pm](http://time-time.net/times/time-zones/usa-canada/current-eastern-time-est.php) [Eastern Time](https://24timezones.com/time-zone/et) on 4 December 2023. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the regulator and will also be submitted to the [Docket](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/PHMSA-2019-0031/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period. PHMSA will consider late-filed comments to the extent possible.

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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)