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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency (43) Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
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): n-Propyl Bromide (ICS 71)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Listing of Substitutes for Ozone-Depleting Substances – n-Propyl Bromide (33 pages, in English)
6.	Description of content: The Agency proposes to list n-propyl bromide (nPB) as an acceptable substitute for ozone-depleting substances, subject to use conditions, in the solvent cleaning sector and aerosol solvents and adhesive end uses under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Significant New Alternatives Policy Program. The Agency is proposing to list nPB as an acceptable substitute for chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) - 113, hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC)-141b, and methyl chloroform when used in aerosol solvent and adhesive end uses, subject to the condition that nPB used in these end uses not contain more than 0.05% isopropyl bromide by weight before adding stabilizers or other chemicals. The Agency is also proposing to list nPB as an acceptable substitute for CFC-113 and methyl chloroform in general metals cleaning, electronics cleaning, and precision cleaning, subject to the condition that nPB used in these end uses not contain more than 0.05% isopropyl bromide by weight before adding stabilizers or other chemicals.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To reduce overall risk to human health and the environment.
8.	Relevant documents: 68 Federal Register (FR) 33284, 3 June 2003; Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 82. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } To be determined

10.	Final date for comments: 4 August 2003
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html