NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 24 July 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

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**Title:** Emergency Response Standard

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| **Reason for Addendum:** |
| [ ] | Comment period changed - date:  |
| [ ] | Notified measure adopted - date:  |
| [ ] | Notified measure published - date:  |
| [ ] | Notified measure enters into force - date:  |
| [ ] | Text of final measure available from[[1]](#footnote-1):  |
| [ ] | Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date: Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:  |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):  |
| [ ] | Interpretive guidance issued and text available from1:  |
| [X] | Other: Notice of informal hearing scheduled for 12 November 2024<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/USA/24_04819_00_e.pdf> |

**Description:** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is scheduling an informal public hearing on its proposed rule "Emergency Response Standard." The public hearing will begin 12 November 2024, at [9:30 a.m.](http://time-time.net/times/time-zones/usa-canada/current-eastern-time-est.php) [Eastern Time (ET)](https://24timezones.com/time-zone/et). The [proposed rule](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-02-05/pdf/2023-28203.pdf) was published in the Federal Register on 5 February 2024 (notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/2098](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/g/tbtn24/usa2098.docx)). The initial public comment period was scheduled to end 6 May 2024, but was extended to 21 June 2024 (notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/2098/Add.1](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/g/tbtn24/usa2098a1.docx)), in response to numerous requests from the public. The comment period was extended again, until 22 July 2024 (notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/2098/Add.2](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/g/tbtn24/usa2098a2.docx)), due to more extension requests from stakeholders.

Informal public hearing: The hearing will be held virtually and will begin 12 November 2024, at [9:30 a.m.](http://time-time.net/times/time-zones/usa-canada/current-eastern-time-est.php) [Eastern Time (ET)](https://24timezones.com/time-zone/et). If necessary, the hearing will continue from [9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.](http://time-time.net/times/time-zones/usa-canada/current-eastern-time-est.php), [Eastern Time (ET)](https://24timezones.com/time-zone/et), on subsequent weekdays. Additional information on how to access the informal hearing will be posted at https://www.osha.gov/emergencyresponse/rulemaking. To testify or question other witnesses at the hearing, interested persons must [electronically submit a Notice of Intention to Appear (NOITA)](https://www.osha.gov/emergency-response/rulemaking) on or before 27 September 2024. In addition, those who request more than 10 minutes for their presentation at the informal hearing and those who intend to submit documentary evidence at the hearing must submit the full text of their testimony, as well as a copy of any documentary evidence, no later than 18 October 2024.

89 Federal Register (FR) 59712, [Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-29/subtitle-B/chapter-XVII/part-1910):

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-07-23/html/2024-16126.htm>

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This notice of an informal hearing and previous actions notified under the symbol [G/TBT/N/USA/2098](https://eping.wto.org/en/Search?domainIds=1&documentSymbol=usa%2F2098) are identified by Docket Number OSHA-2007-0073. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/OSHA-2007-0073/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 who wish to testify or question other witnesses at the 12 November hearing are asked to also share this information with the USA TBT Enquiry Point 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 27 September 2024, in addition to [electronically submitting a NOITA](https://www.osha.gov/emergency-response/rulemaking) to OSHA. Likewise, WTO Members and their stakeholders who need more than 10 minutes for their presentation at the informal hearing and/or who intend to submit documentary evidence at the hearing are asked to also share the full text of their testimony, as well as a copy of any documentary evidence, by [4pm](http://time-time.net/times/time-zones/usa-canada/current-eastern-time-est.php) [Eastern Time](https://24timezones.com/time-zone/et) on or before 18 October 2024 with the USA TBT Enquiry Point. This information will also be shared with OSHA.

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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)