NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 26 November 2018, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

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TITLE: Pipeline Safety: Plastic Pipe Rule

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT)

ACTION: Final rule

SUMMARY: PHMSA is amending the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations that govern the use of plastic piping systems in the transportation of natural and other gas. These amendments are necessary to enhance pipeline safety, adopt innovative technologies and best practices, and respond to petitions from stakeholders. The changes include increasing the design factor of polyethylene pipe; increasing the maximum pressure and diameter for Polyamide-11 pipe and components; allowing the use of Polyamide-12 pipe and components; new standards for risers, more stringent standards for plastic fittings and joints; stronger mechanical fitting requirements; the incorporation by reference of certain new or updated consensus standards for pipe, fittings, and other components; the qualification of procedures and personnel for joining plastic pipe; the installation of plastic pipe; and a number of general provisions.

DATES: The effective date of these amendments is 22 January 2019. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of 22 January 2019.

<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/USA/18_6099_00_e.pdf>

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