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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 5 June 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the <u>United States of America</u>.

Title: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Computer Room Air Conditioners

| Reason for Addendum: | |
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| [] | Comment period changed - date: |
| [] | Notified measure adopted - date: |
| [X] | Notified measure published - date: 2 June 2023 |
| [X] | Notified measure enters into force - date: 1 August 2023; The effective date of this rule is 1 August 2023. Compliance with the amended standards established for computer room air conditioners in this final rule is required on and after 28 May 2024. |
| [X] | Text of final measure available from ¹ : |
| | https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-06-02/html/2023-10859.htm |
| | https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-06-02/pdf/2023-10859.pdf |
| | https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/TBT/USA/final_measure/23_10058_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| [] | Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date: Relevant symbol if measure re-notified: |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 from ¹ : New deadline for comments (if applicable): |
| [] | Interpretive guidance issued and text available from¹: |
| [] | Other: |

Description: TITLE: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Computer Room Air Conditioners

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy

ACTION: Final rule

SUMMARY: The <u>Energy Policy and Conservation Act</u>, <u>as amended</u> (EPCA), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial

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.

equipment, including small, large, and very large commercial package air conditioning and heating equipment, of which computer room air conditioners (CRACs) are a category. EPCA requires the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) to consider the need for amended standards each time American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Standard 90.1 is amended with respect to the standard levels or design requirements applicable to that equipment, or periodically under a six-year-lookback review provision. In this final rule, DOE is adopting amended energy conservation standards for CRACs that rely on a new efficiency metric and are equivalent to those levels specified in ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2019. DOE has determined that it lacks the clear and convincing evidence required by the statute to adopt standards more stringent than the levels specified in the industry standard.

DATES: The effective date of this rule is 1 August 2023. Compliance with the amended standards established for computer room air conditioners in this final rule is required on and after 28 May 2024.

This final rule and the notice of proposed rulemaking; request for comment notified as <u>G/TBT/N/USA/1843</u> are identified by Docket Number EERE-2020-BT-STD-0008. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2020-BT-STD-0008/document and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from Regulations.gov by searching the Docket Number.