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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

Revision

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

<p>1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</p>
<p>2. Agency responsible: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (OEERE), Department of Energy (DOE) Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov</p>
<p>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:</p>
<p>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Residential clothes washers; Household or laundry-type washing machines, incl. machines which both wash and dry; parts thereof (HS code(s): 8450); Environmental protection (ICS code(s): 13.020); Energy efficiency. Energy conservation in general (ICS code(s): 27.015); Laundry appliances (ICS code(s): 97.060)</p>
<p>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Clothes Washers; (19 page(s), in English)</p>
<p>6. Description of content: Notice of proposed rulemaking - The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including residential clothes washers ("RCWs"). In this notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR"), the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes amended energy conservation standards for RCWs identical to those set forth in a direct final rule published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register. If DOE receives adverse comment and determines that such comment may provide a reasonable basis for withdrawal of the direct final rule, DOE will publish a notice of withdrawal and will proceed with this proposed rule.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment</p>

8. Relevant documents:

89 Federal Register (FR) 18836, 15 March 2024; Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 430:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-03-15/html/2024-04737.htm>

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This notice of proposed rulemaking and other actions notified under the symbol [G/TBT/N/USA/709](#) are identified by Docket Number EERE-2017-BT-STD-0014. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2017-BT-STD-0014/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. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](#) by or before [4pm Eastern Time](#) on 3 July 2024. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with DOE and will also be submitted to the [Docket](#) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Clothes Washers; Direct Final Rule published 15 March 2024 will be notified as G/TBT/N/USA/709/Rev.1/Add.2:

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9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Final date for comments: 3 July 2024

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone or fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/USA/24_02081_00_e.pdf