



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: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 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 the USA TBT Enquiry Point via e-mail: usatbtep@nist.gov</p>
<p>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): Central air conditioners and heat pumps; Air conditioning machines incorporating a refrigerating unit and a valve for reversal of the cooling-heat cycle "reversible heat pumps" (excl. of a kind used for persons in motor vehicles and self-contained or "split-system" window or wall air conditioning machines) (HS code(s): 841581); Heat pumps (excl. air conditioning machines of heading 8415) (HS code(s): 841861); Product and company certification. Conformity assessment (ICS code(s): 03.120.20); Environment and environmental protection in general (ICS code(s): 13.020.01); Test conditions and procedures in general (ICS code(s): 19.020); Ventilators. Fans. Air-conditioners (ICS code(s): 23.120); Heat pumps (ICS code(s): 27.080)</p>
<p>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps; (61 page(s), in English)</p>
<p>6. Description of content: Notice of proposed rulemaking and announcement of public meeting on 25 April 2024 - The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes to amend the Federal test procedure for central air conditioners and heat pumps ("CAC/HPs") to incorporate by reference the latest versions of the applicable industry standards. Specifically, DOE proposes: to amend the current test procedure for CAC/HPs ("appendix M1") for measuring the current cooling and heating metrics—seasonal energy efficiency ratio 2 ("SEER2") and heating seasonal performance factor 2 ("HSPF2"), respectively; and to establish a new test procedure ("appendix M2") for CAC/HPs that would adopt two new metrics—seasonal cooling and off-mode rating efficiency ("SCORE") and seasonal heating and off-mode rating efficiency ("SHORE"). Testing to the SCORE and SHORE metrics would not be required until such time as compliance is required with any amended energy conservation standard based on the new metrics. Additionally, DOE proposes to amend certain provisions of DOE's regulations related to representations and enforcement for</p>

<p>CAC/HPs. DOE welcomes written comments from the public on any subject within the scope of this document (including relevant topics not raised in this proposal), as well as the submission of data and other relevant information.</p> <p>DOE will hold a public meeting via webinar on Thursday, 25 April 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). See section V (here), "Public Participation," for webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants. Information will also be published on DOE's website at www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/standards.aspx?productid=48&action=viewlive. Participants are responsible for ensuring their systems are compatible with the webinar software.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <p>89 Federal Register (FR) 24206; Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 429 and Part 430</p> <p>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-04-05/html/2024-04784.htm</p> <p>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-04-05/pdf/2024-04784.pdf</p> <p>This action is identified by Docket Number EERE-2022-BT-TP-0028. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2022-BT-TP-0028/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.</p>
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 4 June 2024; WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to 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 4 June 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.</p>
<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone or fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>https://members.wto.org/cnattachments/2024/TBT/USA/24_02486_00_e.pdf</p>