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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.

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy 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
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Refrigeration products; Refrigerators, freezers and other refrigerating or freezing equipment, electric or other; heat pumps; parts thereof (excl. air conditioning machines of heading 8415) (HS code(s): 8418); Environmental protection (ICS code(s): 13.020); Energy efficiency. Energy conservation in general (ICS code(s): 27.015); Domestic refrigerating appliances (ICS code(s): 97.040.30); Commercial refrigerating appliances (ICS code(s): 97.130.20)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Miscellaneous Refrigeration Products; (18 page(s), in English)
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 miscellaneous refrigeration products ("MREFs") . In this notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR"), DOE proposes new energy conservation standards for MREFs identical to those set forth in a direct final rule published elsewhere in the 7 May 2024 issue of the Federal Register (and notified in G/TBT/N/USA/1215/Rev.1/Add.1). 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.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment

8.	Relevant documents: 89 Federal Register (FR) 37987, 7 May 2024; Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 430 : https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-05-07/html/2024-08002.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-05-07/pdf/2024-08002.pdf This notice of proposed rulemaking and previous actions notified under the symbol G/TBT/N/USA/1215/Rev.1 are identified by Docket Number EERE-2020-BT-STD-0039. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2020-BT-STD-0039/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 26 August 2024. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the DOE and will also be submitted to the Docket on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 26 August 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_03141_00_e.pdf