



NOTIFICATION

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 (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT) [2182] 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 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other [X]: Information obtained as a result of this RFI is intended to be used on a non-attribution basis for planning and strategy development and may be shared with other Government agencies. This RFI does not constitute a formal solicitation for proposals or abstracts and responses to this notice will be treated as information only. FHWA and the Joint Office will both review and consider all responses in formulating program strategies for the identified materials of interest that are the subject of this request. Respondents are advised that FHWA and the Joint Office are under no obligation to acknowledge receipt of the information received or provide feedback to respondents with respect to any information submitted under this RFI. Responses to this RFI do not bind FHWA or the Joint Office to any further actions related to this topic.
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Electric charging technologies; Electric road vehicles (ICS code(s): 43.120)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Notice of Request for Information (RFI) on Medium- and Heavy-Duty Electric Charging Technologies and Infrastructure Needs; (4 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: Notice; request for information - The FHWA, along with the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation (Joint Office), invites public comment on this request for information (RFI) regarding the Medium- and Heavy-Duty Electric Charging Technologies and Infrastructure Needs. This RFI seeks input in four areas to support medium and heavy-duty (MHD) battery electric vehicles (EV) (DOT vehicle classes 4 through 8) including: unique EV charger and station needs; vehicle charging patterns; MHD EV charger technology and standardization; and workforce, supply chain, and manufacturing to support charging of MHD battery EVs. The goal is to inform appropriate future Federal Government activities to support the development and deployment of EV chargers to support the anticipated needs of MHD EV original equipment manufacturers, fleet operators, drivers, charging station operators, and electric utilities. Comments should also address how to balance advances in technology with the need to expeditiously build out the national EV charging infrastructure, including support for MHD segments.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Harmonization; Cost saving and productivity enhancement
8. Relevant documents: 89 Federal Register (FR) 74356, 12 September 2024: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-09-12/html/2024-20423.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-09-12/pdf/2024-20423.pdf This notice; request for information is identified by Docket Number FHWA-2024-0028. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FHWA-2024-0028/document and provides access to primary 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 . Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders by 4pm Eastern Time on 12 November 2024 will be shared with the FHWA 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: 12 November 2024
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/USA/24_06242_00_e.pdf