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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: European Commission 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: European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/
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): Household tumble dryers and electronic household and office equipment
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Commission Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/826 laying down ecodesign requirements for off mode, standby mode, and networked standby energy consumption of electrical and electronic household and office equipment and Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2533 laying down ecodesign requirements for household tumble dryers; (4 page(s), in English), (7 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: This draft Commission Regulation amends the recently approved Regulations (EU) 2023/2533 on ecodesign requirements for household tumble dryers and (EU) 2023/826 on low power modes of electric and electronic household and office equipment. On Regulation (EU) 2023/2533, the following changes are made: Article 13 is amended to include the dates of entry into application of Articles 7, 12(1) and 12(2), which were missing in the Regulation. In Annex I, a definition of average final moisture content is added; the definition of standby mode is modified and new definitions related to low power modes are added. In Annex II, the names of some spare parts are modified; a new spare part (motor capacitor), is added; the obligation to display, on a free access website, the repair information of spare parts whose availability is limited to professional repairers is removed; and the paragraph related to the technical information to be provided for different operation modes is redrafted for better clarity. In Annex III, references to the average final moisture content, including the calculation method, are removed. In Annex

IV, some redrafting has been made to better differentiate the validity criteria from the verification criteria.

On Regulation (EU) 2023/826, the following changes are made: In Annex II, grinders are better defined by adding after the word grinder, 'used in the kitchen for the processing of food'. In Annex IV, the text which is currently under letter d) of the second paragraph is inserted as a separate paragraph after the first paragraph. The definition of 'motor-operated building elements' is modified to ensure that all products listed in Annex II point 6 fall under the definition. Finally, a definition of 'control unit' is added to clarify the definition of 'motor-operated building elements' that refers to the control unit.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: After the adoption of Regulations (EU) 2023/2533 and (EU) 2023/826 certain aspects have been identified that need to be adapted.

In Regulation (EU) 2023/2533 the calculation of the average final moisture content needs to be removed, in order to prevent that a 0% for the average final moisture content is declared in the technical documentation of the product, which could lead to damage to textiles and excessive energy consumption. The average final moisture content should, instead, be measured and calculated as laid down in relevant harmonised standards. Further, the description about the technical information to be provided for different operation modes of the appliance needs to be improved, since it is not clear which parameters must be provided only at full load and which at both full and partial load. The writing regarding some aspects related to the spare parts available to professional repairers must also be improved to facilitate the identification of some of the spare parts, to include a new spare part that will be relevant for the calculation of the reparability score (which will be implemented by a simultaneous amendment to Regulation (EU) 2023/2534), and to remove the obligation to display in public access websites, the repair information of spare parts whose availability is limited to professional repairers, since reserved information should not be publicly available. Some paragraphs in Annex IV have been redrafted to avoid confusion among manufacturers between validity and verification criteria. Finally, the definition on standby mode and some definitions related to low power modes have been added to ensure consistency between this Regulation and Regulation (EU) 2023/826.

In Regulation (EU) 2023/826, the type of grinders that fall in the scope of the Regulation had to be clarified, since, with the current wording, there was uncertainty as to whether other types of grinders fall in the scope. In addition, it was necessary to clarify that the measurement conditions for coffee machines apply to all coffee machines and not only to the ones that are considered networked equipment. Furthermore, a definition for 'control unit' had to be added, since the 'motor-operated building element' definition refers to it. Finally, the 'motor-operated building element' definition was modified by referring to "buildings or related structures" instead of just "buildings", to make sure that all motor-operated building elements listed in Annex II point 6, including "gates", can fall under this definition; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment; Harmonization

8. Relevant documents:

[Directive 2009/125/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for the setting of ecodesign requirements for energy-related products, *Official Journal L 285*, 31 October 2009, P. 010.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:285:0010:0035:en:PDF>

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2533 of 17 November 2023 implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for household tumble dryers, amending Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/826, and repealing Commission Regulation (EU) No 932/2012.

[Regulation - EU - 2023/2533 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/826 of 17 April 2023 laying down ecodesign requirements for off mode, standby mode, and networked standby energy consumption

of electric and electronical household and office equipment pursuant to Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 1275/2008 and (EC) No 107/2009

[Regulation - 2023/826 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

9. Proposed date of adoption: March 2025

Proposed date of entry into force: 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU. The provisions shall apply from 1 July 2025

10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification

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

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The text is available on the EU-TBT Website : <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/>

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