



**NOTIFICATION**

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (OEERE), Department of Energy (DOE) [2189] <b>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:</b> Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: <a href="mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov">usatbtep@nist.gov</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Residential and commercial clothes washers and consumer clothes dryers; Centrifugal clothes-dryers (HS code(s): 842112); Household or laundry-type washing machines, incl. machines which both wash and dry; parts thereof (HS code(s): 8450); Test conditions and procedures in general (ICS code(s): 19.020); Laundry appliances (ICS code(s): 97.060)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Residential and Commercial Clothes Washers and Consumer Clothes Dryers; (19 page(s), in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) and request for comment - The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes to amend the test procedures for residential and commercial clothes washers and consumer clothes dryers to update the test cloth specifications. DOE also proposes to reorganize the test procedures for improved readability. DOE is conducting this rulemaking to address specific issues and to make minor corrections to the current test procedures. However, this rulemaking does not satisfy the statutory requirement that, at least once every 7 years, DOE review the test procedures for clothes washers and consumer clothes dryers. DOE is seeking comment from interested parties on the proposal.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Quality requirements
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> 89 Federal Register (FR) 87803, 5 November 2024; <a href="#">Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 430</a> :

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-11-05/html/2024-25480.htm>

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This notice of proposed rulemaking is identified by Docket Number EERE-2024-BT-TP-0009. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2024-BT-TP-0009/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](https://www.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 5 December 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.

Referenced Notification(s):

- [G/TBT/N/USA/580](#)
- [G/TBT/N/USA/903](#)

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined

**10. Final date for comments:** 5 December 2024; DOE will hold a public meeting on this NOPR if one is requested by 12 November 2024. If a public meeting is requested, DOE will announce its date and participation information on the DOE website (at <https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/public-meetings-and-comment-deadlines>) and via email.

**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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