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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 10 March 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the <u>United States of America</u>.

Title: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Refrigerators, Freezers, and Refrigerator-Freezers

Reason for Addendum:	
[X]	Comment period changed - date: 28 March 2025
[]	Notified measure adopted - date:
[]	Notified measure published - date:
[X]	Notified measure enters into force - date: 20 May 2025
[X]	Text of final measure available from ¹ :
	https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-01-21/html/2024-31214.htm
	https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-01-21/pdf/2024-31214.pdf
[]	Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date:
	Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:
[]	Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from ¹ :
	New deadline for comments (if applicable):
[]	Interpretive guidance issued and text available from ¹ :
[X]	Other:
	Final rule; delay of effective date until 20 May 2025. Comments and information accepted until 28 March 2025.
	https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/25 01914 00 e.pdf

Description: This document delays the effective date of a recently published <u>final rule</u> (notified as <u>G/TBT/N/USA/858/Rev.1/Add.2</u>) adopting new and amended energy conservation standards for commercial refrigerators, freezers, and refrigerator-freezers. The Department of Energy (DOE) also seeks comment on any further delay of the effective date, including the impacts of such delay, as well comment on the legal, factual, or policy issues raised by the rule.

¹ This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

As of 7 March 2025, the effective date of the rule amending 10 CFR part 431 published at 90 FR 7464 on 21 January 2025, is delayed until 20 May 2025. Written comments and information will be accepted on or before 28 March 2025.

90 Federal Register (FR) 11466, 7 March 2025; Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 431:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-03-07/html/2025-03465.htm

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This and previous actions notified under the symbol G/TBT/N/USA/858/Rev.1 are identified by Docket Number EERE-2017-BT-STD-0007. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2017-BT-STD-0007/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 and information to the USA TBT Enquiry Point by or before 4pm Eastern Time on 28 March 2025. 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.