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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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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 (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: https://technical-barriers-trade.ec.europa.eu/en/home
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 codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Water heaters, temperature controls, solar devices, shower water heat recovery devices, packages of these products and hot water storage tanks.
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Commission Regulation setting ecodesign requirements for water heaters, solar devices, shower water heat recovery devices, packages of those products and hot water storage tanks, amending and repealing Commission Regulation (EU) 814/2013; (11 page(s), in English), (54 page(s), in English) Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/EEC/25_08821_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/EEC/25_08821_01_e.pdf European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43 E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu The text is available on the Website: https://technical-barriers-trade.ec.europa.eu/en/home
6. Description of content: Expanding the scope of the Regulation to include new product subcategories, such as cogeneration water heaters and tanks with PCM materials. Differentiating requirements for electric and gas water heaters to allow further energy savings. Introducing resource-efficiency requirements, including ensuring the availability of spare parts and facilitating easier access to repair and maintenance information, in line with the circular economy. This also includes providing end-of-life information on product dismantling for material recovery, recycling, and disposal.

<p>The draft regulation takes into account comments from the Ecodesign and Energy Labelling Consultation Forum meetings, held on 27 September 2021 and 23 April 2023 and seeks to balance energy efficiency improvements with practical implementation.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The primary objective of this Draft Regulation is to enhance the environmental and energy performance of water heaters and hot water storage tanks across the European Union. This goal is pursued by setting more stringent energy efficiency requirements, enhancing information supply to allow better system integration and encouraging the use of innovative technologies. Key objectives of the proposed regulation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By promoting energy efficiency, the draft seeks to push for technological innovation by setting ambitious energy performance targets, favoring for high-efficiency systems such as heat pump water heaters. This will ensure that overall, new products achieve higher levels of energy efficiency, lowering overall energy consumption and reducing carbon emissions. • The draft fosters a circular economy by requiring manufacturers to comply with the resource efficiency, including providing spare parts, repair information, and designing heaters that are easier to dismantle and recycle. This helps reduce waste and the environmental impact associated with product disposal. <p>The draft encourages manufacturers to provide clear and comprehensive information on product performance, including energy consumption and emissions data. Additionally, the regulation promotes interoperability for demand-response functions to enhance the performance of energy-smart appliances in connected homes.; Protection of the environment</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <p>-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, <i>Official Journal L 285</i> , 31 October 2009, P. 010.</p> <p>http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:285:0010:0035:en:PDF</p> <p>-Commission Regulation (EU) No 814/2013 of 2 August 2013 implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for water heaters and hot water storage tanks.</p> <p>Regulation - 813/2013 - EN - EUR-Lex</p>
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: Q4 2026</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU.</p>
<p>10. Provision of comments</p> <p>Final date for comments: 8 February 2026</p> <p>[X] 60 days from notification</p> <p>Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:</p> <p>European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu</p>