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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: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation, Department of Energy (DOE) [2324]
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], Other [X]: DOE is seeking stakeholder input regarding implementation and impacts of the energy conservation standards for distribution transformers published on 18 April 2024 (notified as G/TBT/N/USA/682/Rev.1/Add.2), including supply chain, manufacturing, and availability considerations.
4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Distribution transformers; Energy efficiency. Energy conservation in general (ICS code(s): 27.015); Transformers. Reactors (ICS code(s): 29.180)
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Distribution Transformers; (5 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/2026/TBT/USA/26_03129_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Request for information - A Presidential determination issued on 20 April 2026, found that grid infrastructure supply chains, including distribution transformers and electrical core steel, are essential to national defense, and that U.S. industry faces critical constraints from limited domestic product capacity, extended procurement timelines, and foreign supply dependence. The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is initiating an information and data gathering effort to understand how the energy conservation standards for distribution transformers adopted in an April 2024 final rule (notified as G/TBT/N/USA/682/Rev.1/Add.2), with compliance required in 2029, interact with these national security considerations, including impacts on domestic manufacturing capacity, supply chain resilience, and the availability and cost of key materials. DOE is also seeking information on whether the revised energy conservation standards result in special hardship, inequity, or unfair distribution of burdens, including investment needs and market conditions associated with redesigning equipment to comply by the 2029 compliance date.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: National security requirements; Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents:

91 Federal Register (FR) 35903, 15 June 2026; [Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) Part 431](#):

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-06-15/html/2026-11971.htm>

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This request for information is identified by Docket Number EERE-2026-BT-STD-0133. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2026-BT-STD-0133/document> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) by searching the Docket Number.

Relevant notifications:

- [G/TBT/N/USA/682/Rev.1/Add.2](#)

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Provision of comments

Final date for comments: 15 July 2026

[] 60 days from notification

WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](#) by or before [4pm Eastern Time](#) on 15 July 2026. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the DOE and will also be submitted to the [Docket](#) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:

Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov