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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: Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation, Department of Energy (DOE) [2331]
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], Other [X]: This proposed rule would revise the U.S. DOE's procedural framework for developing future energy conservation standards and test procedures for covered consumer products and commercial equipment. While it would not itself establish or amend mandatory product requirements, it would be relevant to interested parties because it governs the process by which future energy conservation standards and test procedures would be developed.
4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Energy conservation; test procedures; Standardization. General rules (ICS code(s): 01.120); Environmental protection (ICS code(s): 13.020); Test conditions and procedures in general (ICS code(s): 19.020); Energy efficiency. Energy conservation in general (ICS code(s): 27.015)
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Energy Conservation Program: Procedures, Interpretations, and Policies for Consideration of New or Revised Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Consumer Products and Certain Commercial/Industrial Equipment; (50 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_03536_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Notice of proposed rulemaking and announcement of webinar - The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or "the Department") proposes to update the Department's current rulemaking methodology titled, "Procedures, Interpretations, and Policies for Consideration of New or Revised Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Consumer Products and Certain Commercial/Industrial Equipment" ("Process Rule"). Specifically, DOE proposes to: make Appendix A binding on DOE for certain actions; amend objectives and considerations consistent with recent Executive orders and Department policies; add a definition of "significant energy savings"; re-instate the comparative analysis requirement, described as a "walk up" approach; include certain economic thresholds; re-instate the description of clear and convincing evidence; and revert to language from the 2020 Process Rule (notified as G/TBT/N/USA/1717/Rev.1/Add.3) text, with minor edits, in several sections. In addition to requesting written comments on its proposal, DOE will also hold a public meeting via webinar on Wednesday, 15 July 2026 , from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time to discuss this proposal and obtain additional input.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:	Protection of the environment; Cost saving and productivity enhancement
8. Relevant documents:	91 Federal Register (FR) 42034, 7 July 2026; Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 430: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-07-07/html/2026-13674.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-07-07/pdf/2026-13674.pdf This notice of proposed rulemaking and announcement of webinar is identified by Docket Number EERE-2025-BT-STD-0001. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2025-BT-STD-0001/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. Relevant notifications: • G/TBT/N/USA/1441/Add.3 • G/TBT/N/USA/1717/Rev.1/Add.3
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: 6 August 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 6 August 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