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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>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> 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) [2332]
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], Other [X]: DOE seeks public comment on the analytical methods used in developing future energy conservation standards for covered consumer products and commercial equipment. This action does not propose or amend mandatory product requirements, but it may be of interest to stakeholders because it concerns the analytical framework used to support future energy conservation standards.
4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Energy conservation standards; 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: Review of DOE's Analytic Methods for Setting Energy Conservation Standards; (14 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_03537_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Request for information and request for comments - The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or the "Department") requests comment regarding the assumptions, models, and methodologies that DOE uses in setting energy conservation standards for covered products and equipment. Relatedly, DOE also requests comments on the report summarizing the work conducted by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine ("NASEM") Committee on Review of Methods for Setting Building and Equipment Performance Standards. DOE also welcomes the submission of data, peer-reviewed studies, and other relevant information related to how DOE might implement NASEM report recommendations and to DOE's analytical methodology for evaluating energy conservation standards in general.
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) 41578, 7 July 2026; [Title 10](#) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts [430](#) and [431](#):

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-07-07/html/2026-13673.htm>

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This request for information; request for comments is identified by Docket Number EERE-2022-BT-OT-0004. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2022-BT-OT-0004/document> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](#) by searching the Docket Number.

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, Notice of proposed rulemaking and announcement of webinar, published 7 July 2026 (notified to the WTO on 7 July 2026):

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-07-07/html/2026-13674.htm>

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Relevant notifications:

- [G/TBT/N/USA/1441](#)

9. Proposed date of adoption: Not applicable

Proposed date of entry into force: Not applicable

10. Provision of comments

Final date for comments: 8 September 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 8 September 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