NOTIFICATION

Revision

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

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| **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 Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of** **agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: [usatbtep@nist.gov](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X], 2.10.1 [****], 5.6.2 [****], 5.7.1 [****], other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Battery chargers; test procedures; Test conditions and procedures in general (ICS 19.020), Miscellaneous domestic and commercial equipment (ICS 97.180) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Battery Chargers (37 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:**  Notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comment - The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes to amend the test procedures for battery chargers to improve test procedure representativeness. The proposal would: Establish a new appendix Y1 that would expand coverage of inductive wireless battery chargers and establish associated definitions and test provisions; establish a new test procedure approach that relies on separate metrics for active mode, stand-by, and off-mode (consequently removing the battery charger usage profiles and unit energy consumption calculation); and update the wall adapter selection criteria. DOE also proposes changes to appendix Y to reorganize two subsections, to clarify symbology and references, to correct an incorrect cross reference and section title, to update the list of battery chemistries, and to terminate an existing test procedure waiver because the covered subject models have been discontinued. DOE further proposes to mirror these changes in the newly proposed appendix Y1. DOE is seeking comment from interested parties on the proposals.  DOE will hold a webinar on Wednesday, 15 December 2021, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. [EST](https://www.timeanddate.com/time/zones/est). See section V, "Public Participation," for webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants. If no participants register for the webinar, it will be cancelled. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 86 Federal Register (FR) 66878, 23 November 2021; Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 429 and 430: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-11-23/html/2021-24367.htm> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-11-23/pdf/2021-24367.pdf>  This notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comment and the request for information notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/1021/Add.2](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/TBTN15/USA1021A2.DOCX) are identified by Docket Number EERE-2020-BT-TP-0012. The Docket Folder is available on [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2020-BT-TP-0012/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov). Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the regulator and will also be submitted to the [Docket](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2020-BT-TP-0012/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.  Other actions notified under the symbol [G/TBT/N/USA/1021](http://tbtims.wto.org/en/Notifications/Search?ProductsCoveredHSCodes=&ProductsCoveredICSCodes=&DoSearch=True&ExpandSearchMoreFields=False&NotifyingMember=&DocumentSymbol=usa%2F1021&DistributionDateFrom=&DistributionDateTo=&SearchTerm=&ProductsCovered=&DescriptionOfContent=&CommentPeriod=&FinalDateForCommentsFrom=&FinalDateForCommentsTo=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionFrom=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionTo=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceFrom=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceTo=&ReasonForAddendum=) are identified by Docket Number EERE-2014-BT-TP-0044. The Docket Folder is available on [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2014-BT-TP-0044/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 24 January 2022 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **] or address, telephone or fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/USA/21_7321_00_e.pdf> |