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 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****], other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Refrigeration products; Refrigerators, freezers and other refrigerating or freezing equipment, electric or other; heat pumps; parts thereof (excl. air conditioning machines of heading 8415) (HS code(s): 8418); Environmental protection (ICS code(s): 13.020); Energy efficiency. Energy conservation in general (ICS code(s): 27.015); Domestic refrigerating appliances (ICS code(s): 97.040.30); Commercial refrigerating appliances (ICS code(s): 97.130.20) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Miscellaneous Refrigeration Products; (18 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Notice of proposed rulemaking - The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("[EPCA](https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/determinations-and-coverage-rulemakings)"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including [miscellaneous refrigeration products ("MREFs")](https://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/standards.aspx?productid=39). In this notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR"), DOE proposes new energy conservation standards for MREFs identical to those set forth in a [direct final rule](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-05-07/pdf/2024-08001.pdf) published elsewhere in the 7 May 2024 issue of the Federal Register (and notified in G/TBT/N/USA/1215/Rev.1/Add.1). If DOE receives adverse comment and determines that such comment may provide a reasonable basis for withdrawal of the direct final rule, DOE will publish a notice of withdrawal and will proceed with this proposed rule. |
| **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:**  89 Federal Register (FR) 37987, 7 May 2024; [Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 430](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-10/chapter-II/subchapter-D/part-430?toc=1):  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-05-07/html/2024-08002.htm>  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-05-07/pdf/2024-08002.pdf>  This notice of proposed rulemaking and previous actions notified under the symbol [G/TBT/N/USA/1215/Rev.1](https://eping.wto.org/en/Search?domainIds=1&documentSymbol=USA%2F1215%2Frev.1) are identified by Docket Number EERE-2020-BT-STD-0039. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2020-BT-STD-0039/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) by or before [4pm](https://time.is/EST) [Eastern Time](https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/) on 26 August 2024. 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](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2020-BT-STD-0039/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 26 August 2024 |
| **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/2024/TBT/USA/24_03141_00_e.pdf> |