NOTIFICATION

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 (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Federal Communications Commission (FCC) [1800]**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 |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other** **[X]:**  |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Equipment authorization processes; Radiocommunications (ICS 33.060) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through the Equipment Authorization Program and the Competitive Bidding Program (18 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Proposed rule - The Commission proposes to revise rules related to its equipment authorization processes to prohibit authorization of any "covered" equipment on the recently established Covered List. The Commission also seeks comment on whether to require additional certification relating to national security from applicants who wish to participate in the Commission's competitive bidding auctions. This action explores steps the Commission can take to further its goal of protecting communications networks from communications equipment and services that pose a national security risk. Comments are due 20 September 2021. Reply comments are due October 18, 2021. Written comments on the Paperwork Reduction Act proposed information collection requirements must be submitted by the public, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and other interested parties on or before 18 October 2021.  |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** National security requirements; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 86 Federal Register (FR) 46644, 19 August 2021; Title 47 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 2:<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-08-19/html/2021-16085.htm><https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-08-19/pdf/2021-16085.pdf>WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point. Comments received within the comment period will be submitted to the FCC at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings> if received within the comment period.Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through the Equipment Authorization Program and the Competitive Bidding Program; Request for Comments published 19 August 2021:<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-08-19/html/2021-16087.htm> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-08-19/pdf/2021-16087.pdf>[USA/867 and subsequent addenda](http://tbtims.wto.org/en/Notifications/Search?ProductsCoveredHSCodes=&ProductsCoveredICSCodes=&DoSearch=True&ExpandSearchMoreFields=False&NotifyingMember=United+States+of+America&DocumentSymbol=867&DistributionDateFrom=&DistributionDateTo=&SearchTerm=&ProductsCovered=&DescriptionOfContent=&CommentPeriod=&FinalDateForCommentsFrom=&FinalDateForCommentsTo=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionFrom=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionTo=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceFrom=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceTo=&ReasonForAddendum=) - Authorization of Radiofrequency Equipment[USA/1020 and subsequent addenda](http://tbtims.wto.org/en/Notifications/Search?ProductsCoveredHSCodes=&ProductsCoveredICSCodes=&DoSearch=True&ExpandSearchMoreFields=False&NotifyingMember=United+States+of+America&DocumentSymbol=1020&DistributionDateFrom=&DistributionDateTo=&SearchTerm=&ProductsCovered=&DescriptionOfContent=&CommentPeriod=&FinalDateForCommentsFrom=&FinalDateForCommentsTo=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionFrom=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionTo=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceFrom=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceTo=&ReasonForAddendum=) - Equipment Authorization and Electronic Labeling for Wireless Devices[USA/1690](http://tbtims.wto.org/en/Notifications/Search?ProductsCoveredHSCodes=&ProductsCoveredICSCodes=&DoSearch=True&ExpandSearchMoreFields=False&NotifyingMember=United+States+of+America&DocumentSymbol=1690&DistributionDateFrom=&DistributionDateTo=&SearchTerm=&ProductsCovered=&DescriptionOfContent=&CommentPeriod=&FinalDateForCommentsFrom=&FinalDateForCommentsTo=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionFrom=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionTo=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceFrom=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceTo=&ReasonForAddendum=) - Allowing Earlier Equipment Marketing and Importation Opportunities |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 20 September 2021 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  |