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:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (OEERE), Department of Energy (DOE) [1844]  **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 the USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point by E-Mail: [usatbtep@nist.gov](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****X],** **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):** Test conditions and procedures in general (ICS 19.020), Pumps (ICS 23.080) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Circulator Pumps (49 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 establish definitions, a test procedure, sampling and rating requirements, and enforcement provisions for circulator pumps. Currently, circulator pumps are not subject to DOE test procedures or energy conservation standards. DOE proposes a test procedure for measuring the circulator energy index for circulator pumps. The proposed test method references the relevant industry test standard. The proposed definitions and test procedures are based on the recommendations of the Circulator Pump Working Group, which was established under the Appliance Standards Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee. DOE is seeking comment from interested parties on the proposal. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements; Harmonization |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  86 Federal Register (FR) 24516, 20 December 2021; Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 429 and 431: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-12-20/html/2021-25414.htm> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-12-20/pdf/2021-25414.pdf>  This notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comment is identified by Docket Number EERE-2016-BT-TP-0033. The Docket Folder is available on [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov/) at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2016-BT-TP-0033/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. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](http://usatbtep@nist.gov) by or before [4pm](https://time.is/EST) [Eastern Time](https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/) on 18 February 2022. 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-2016-BT-TP-0033/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period. 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 on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.  DOE will hold a webinar on Wednesday, 2 February 2022, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. [EST](https://www.timeanddate.com/time/zones/est). See section V, "Public Participation," at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-12-20/html/2021-25414.htm> 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.  [G/TBT/N/USA/1729 and G/TBT/N/USA/1729/Add.1](http://tbtims.wto.org/en/Notifications/Search?ProductsCoveredHSCodes=&ProductsCoveredICSCodes=&DoSearch=True&ExpandSearchMoreFields=False&NotifyingMember=United+States+of+America&DocumentSymbol=1729&DistributionDateFrom=&DistributionDateTo=&SearchTerm=&ProductsCovered=&DescriptionOfContent=&CommentPeriod=&FinalDateForCommentsFrom=&FinalDateForCommentsTo=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionFrom=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionTo=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceFrom=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceTo=&ReasonForAddendum=) - Request for information "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures and Energy Conservation Standards for Circulator Pumps and Small Vertical In-Line Pumps", identified by Docket Number EERE-2016-BT-STD-0004. The Docket Folder is available on [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov/) at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2016-BT-STD-0004/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. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 18 February 2022; DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this proposal no later than 18 February 2022 and will hold a webinar on Wednesday, 2 February 2022, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. 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. |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-12-20/html/2021-25414.htm> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-12-20/pdf/2021-25414.pdf> <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/USA/21_7971_00_e.pdf> |