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:**  National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce (DOC) [2071]  **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 [****],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****[X]:** Establishes requirements for those who choose to adhere to the standard, for the principal types and grades of structural plywood. It covers the wood species, veneer grading, adhesive bonds, panel construction and workmanship, dimensions and tolerances, marking, moisture content, and packing of plywood intended for construction and industrial uses. |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Structural plywood; Plywood, veneered panel and similar laminated wood (excl. sheets of compressed wood, hollow-core composite panels, parquet panels or sheets, inlaid wood and sheets identifiable as furniture components) (HS code(s): 4412); Plywood (ICS code(s): 79.060.10) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Proposed Voluntary Product Standard PS 1-22, Structural Plywood; (71 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Notice of availability; request for comments by 25 September 2023 - The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is distributing for public comment a proposed revision of Voluntary Product Standard PS 1-22, Structural Plywood. The revisions to the standard were prepared by the Standard Review Committee and approved by the PS 1 Standing Committee. PS 1-22 Structural Plywood establishes requirements for the principal types and grades of structural plywood and provides a basis for common understanding among producers, distributors, and users of the product. Interested parties are invited to review the proposed standard and submit comments to NIST. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  88 Federal Register (FR) 57939, 24 August 2023; [Title 15 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 10](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-15/subtitle-A/part-10?toc=1):  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-08-24/html/2023-18257.htm>  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-08-24/pdf/2023-18257.pdf>  Voluntary Product Standards Program: <https://www.nist.gov/standardsgov/voluntary-product-standards-program>  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 by [4pm](http://time-time.net/times/time-zones/usa-canada/current-eastern-time-est.php) [Eastern Time](https://24timezones.com/time-zone/et) on 25 September 2023 will be shared with the regulator 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:** 25 September 2023 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/TBT/USA/23_12017_00_e.pdf> |