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):** State of California |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  California Energy Commission (CEC) [2105]  **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 [****X], 7.2 [****X],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Appliance efficiency; Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Environmental protection (ICS code(s): 13.020); Domestic electrical appliances in general (ICS code(s): 97.030) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Proposed Amendments to the Appliance Efficiency Regulations, 22-AAER-04; (99 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Proposed rule and announcement of public hearing - The California Energy Commission (CEC) proposes to amend the [California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 20](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations?guid=ID0318F505CCE11EC9220000D3A7C4BC3&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=Default&contextData=(sc.Default)), Article 4, sections 1601-1609 after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action. The proposed federal and administrative updates include:   * Updates to align with current federal law * Updates to the data submittal requirements and processes * Removal of a redundant aspect of the marking requirement for commercial and industrial fans and blowers * Updates and streamlining to CEC's product compliance review, enforcement, and administrative proceedings * Other administrative and non-substantive changes for clarity and consistency   To improve and enhance public access through teleconferencing options on the proposed regulations, a public hearing will be held remotely on 9 January 2024 [10:00 a.m.](https://24timezones.com/time-zone/pt) ([Pacific Time](http://time-time.net/times/time-zones/usa-canada/current-pacific-time-pst.php)). Interested persons or their authorized representatives may present statements, arguments, or contentions relevant to the proposed regulations at the public hearing. The record for this hearing will be kept open until every person has had an opportunity to provide comment. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  California Energy Commission (CEC) Docket Log accessible at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-AAER-04>  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 8 January 2024 will be shared with CEC. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 8 January 2024 |
| **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_13946_00_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/TBT/USA/23_13946_01_e.pdf> |