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 Aviation Administration (FAA) [2171]  **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]:** Aircraft manufacturers, pilots, and aircraft operators will benefit from relieving changes in the regulations. Revisions will allow for "No Smoking" signs to be illuminated continuously without the requirement for a physical or software switch to be built into the aircraft at the factory or used by a crewmember during an aircraft operation. |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Aircraft no smoking signs; Public information symbols. Signs. Plates. Labels (ICS code(s): 01.080.10); Aircraft and space vehicles in general (ICS code(s): 49.020) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Modernization of Passenger Information Requirements Relating to "No Smoking" Sign Illumination; (7 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Direct final rule; request for comments - The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is amending its regulations to allow aircraft to operate either with "No Smoking" signs continuously illuminated or with "No Smoking" signs a crewmember can turn on and off. Currently, crewmembers must be able to manually turn aircraft "No Smoking" signs on and off. However, the current regulations were drafted when the Department of Transportation (DOT) permitted smoking at times on commercial flights. These amendments bring FAA regulations into alignment with current practice for aircraft manufacturing and operations. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety; Cost saving and productivity enhancement |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  89 Federal Register (FR) 68094, 23 August 2024; [Title 14](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-14) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts [25](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-14/chapter-I/subchapter-C/part-25), [91](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-14/chapter-I/subchapter-F/part-91), [121](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-14/chapter-I/subchapter-G/part-121), and [125](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-14/chapter-I/subchapter-G/part-125):  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-08-23/html/2024-18602.htm>  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-08-23/pdf/2024-18602.pdf>  This direct final rule; request for comments is identified by Docket Number FAA-2024-2052. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FAA-2024-2052/document> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number. 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 23 September 2024 will be shared with FAA and will also be submitted to the [Docket](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FAA-2024-2052/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 23 August 2024  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 22 October 2024 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 23 September 2024; If the FAA receives an adverse comment, the FAA will advise the public by publishing a document in the Federal Register before the effective date of this direct final rule. That document may withdraw the direct final rule in whole or in part. |
| **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/2024/TBT/USA/24_05613_00_e.pdf> |