NOTIFICATION

Revision

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 (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy  **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 [****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):** Clothes washers; Household or laundry-type washing machines, incl. machines which both wash and dry; parts thereof (HS 8450); Quality (ICS 03.120), Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Test conditions and procedures in general (ICS 19.020), Laundry appliances (ICS 97.060) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Residential and Commercial Clothes Washers (88 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Notice of proposed rulemaking, request for comment, and announcement of webinar - The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes to amend the test procedures for residential and commercial clothes washers to specify test conditions, instrument specifications, and test settings; address large clothes container capacities; add product-specific enforcement provisions; delete obsolete provisions; and consolidate all test cloth-related provisions and codify additional test cloth material verification procedures used by industry. DOE also proposes to create a new test procedure for residential and commercial clothes washers with additional modifications for certain test conditions, measurement of average cycle time, required test cycles, tested load sizes, semi- automatic clothes washer provisions, new performance metrics, and updated usage factors. The proposed new test procedure would be used for the evaluation and issuance of updated efficiency standards, as well as to determine compliance with the updated standards. As part of this proposal, DOE is announcing a webinar to collect comments and data on this proposal. 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 |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 86 Federal Register (FR) 49140, 1 September 2021; Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 429, 430 and 431: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-09-01/html/2021-17018.htm> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-09-01/pdf/2021-17018.pdf>  This notice of proposed rulemaking, request for comment, and announcement of webinar and previous actions notified under the symbol [G/TBT/N/USA/903](http://tbtims.wto.org/en/Notifications/Search?ProductsCoveredHSCodes=&ProductsCoveredICSCodes=&DoSearch=True&ExpandSearchMoreFields=False&NotifyingMember=&DocumentSymbol=usa%2F903&DistributionDateFrom=&DistributionDateTo=&SearchTerm=&ProductsCovered=&DescriptionOfContent=&CommentPeriod=&FinalDateForCommentsFrom=&FinalDateForCommentsTo=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionFrom=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionTo=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceFrom=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceTo=&ReasonForAddendum=) are identified by Docket Number EERE-2016-BT-TP-0011. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2016-BT-TP-0011/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. WTO Members and their stakeholders are sked 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 will be shared with the regulator and will also be submitted to the [Docket](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2016-BT-TP-0011/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.  [G/TBT/N/USA/1638 and subsequent addenda and corrigenda](http://tbtims.wto.org/en/Notifications/Search?ProductsCoveredHSCodes=&ProductsCoveredICSCodes=&DoSearch=True&ExpandSearchMoreFields=False&NotifyingMember=&DocumentSymbol=usa%2F1638&DistributionDateFrom=&DistributionDateTo=&SearchTerm=&ProductsCovered=&DescriptionOfContent=&CommentPeriod=&FinalDateForCommentsFrom=&FinalDateForCommentsTo=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionFrom=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionTo=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceFrom=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceTo=&ReasonForAddendum=) - Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Clothes Washers and Clothes Dryers  Actions notified under the symbol [G/TBT/N/USA/1638](http://tbtims.wto.org/en/Notifications/Search?ProductsCoveredHSCodes=&ProductsCoveredICSCodes=&DoSearch=True&ExpandSearchMoreFields=False&NotifyingMember=&DocumentSymbol=usa%2F1638&DistributionDateFrom=&DistributionDateTo=&SearchTerm=&ProductsCovered=&DescriptionOfContent=&CommentPeriod=&FinalDateForCommentsFrom=&FinalDateForCommentsTo=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionFrom=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionTo=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceFrom=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceTo=&ReasonForAddendum=) are identified by docket number EERE-2020-BT-STD-0001. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2020-BT-STD-0001/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:** 1 November 2021 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **] or address, telephone or fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/USA/21_5571_00_e.pdf> |