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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 18 December 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the <u>United States of America</u>.

TITLE: Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedure for Miscellaneous Refrigeration Products: Notice of Data Availability; Request for Information

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy

ACTION: Notice of data availability (NODA); request for information (RFI)

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is currently weighing whether and how to regulate the energy efficiency of certain refrigeration products such as wine chillers and beverage centers (collectively, "coolers"). These "miscellaneous refrigeration products" ("MREFs") include coolers that do not operate using a conventional compressor/condenser-based system, particularly those products that use a thermoelectric-based refrigeration system. In support of this effort, DOE has collected and analyzed a variety of data to better understand the composition of the MREF industry and its products. To ensure its understanding of this market and its products, DOE is requesting additional information from the public related to the manufacturers of thermoelectric-based MREFs.

DATES: DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding the NODA no later than 14 January 2016. Details regarding the data referenced in this document are provided in docket EERE-2011-BT-STD- 0043, available at http://www.regulations.gov.

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