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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Federal Trade Commission (FTC) [925] <b>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:</b> Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Inquiry Point Email: <a href="mailto:ncsci@nist.gov">ncsci@nist.gov</a>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Appliance labelling Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Ventilators. Fans. Air-conditioners (ICS 23.120), Refrigerating technology (ICS 27.200), Lamps and related equipment (ICS 29.140)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Energy Labeling Rule (27 pages, in English).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> As part of its regulatory review of the Energy Labeling Rule, the Federal Trade Commission proposes to expand coverage of the Lighting Facts label, change the current label categories for refrigerators, revise the ceiling fan label design, and require room air conditioner labels on packaging instead of the units themselves.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection

8.	<p><b>Relevant documents:</b> 79 Federal Register (FR) 34642, 18 June 2014; Title 16 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 305. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.</p> <p>G/TBT/N/USA/686- Rule Concerning Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water Use of Certain Home Appliances and Other Products Required Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act ("Appliance Labeling Rule") <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-03-15/html/2012-4865.htm">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-03-15/html/2012-4865.htm</a></p> <p>G/TBT/N/USA/686/Add.1 - Energy Labeling Rule <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-01-10/html/2013-00116.htm">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-01-10/html/2013-00116.htm</a></p> <p>G/TBT/N/USA/686/Add.2 - Energy Labeling Rule <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-02-06/html/2013-02225.htm">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-02-06/html/2013-02225.htm</a></p> <p>G/TBT/N/USA/686/Add.3 - Energy and Water Use Labeling for Consumer Products Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Energy Labeling Rule) <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-07-23/html/2013-17553.htm">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-07-23/html/2013-17553.htm</a></p> <p>G/TBT/N/USA/686/Add.3/Corr.1 -Energy Labeling Rule - <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-05/html/2013-21601.htm">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-05/html/2013-21601.htm</a></p>
9.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be determined</p>
10.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> 18 August 2014</p>
11.	<p><b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-06-18/html/2014-14058.htm">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-06-18/html/2014-14058.htm</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-05/pdf/2013-21601.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-05/pdf/2013-21601.pdf</a></p>