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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.	Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB), Department of the Treasury [1042] 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: ncsci@nist.gov
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other: Requesting comment on a draft set of instructions for importers to file information electronically to meet TTB requirements
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Distilled spirits, wine, beer, tobacco products, processed tobacco, or cigarette papers and tubes. Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment (ICS: 65.160), Beverages (ICS: 67.160)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document Importation of Distilled Spirits, Wine, Beer, Tobacco Products, Processed Tobacco, and Cigarette Papers and Tubes; Availability of Pilot Program and Filing Instructions To Test the Collection of Import Data for Implementation of the International Trade Data System (4 pages, in English)
6.	Description of content: The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) is announcing a pilot program in which importers, Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and TTB will test, as part of the International Trade Data System (ITDS) project, the electronic collection of import data required by TTB and the transfer of that data through CBP to TTB. TTB is also announcing the availability of and requesting comment on a draft set of instructions that describes how importers of distilled spirits, wine, beer, tobacco products, processed tobacco, or cigarette papers and tubes may file information electronically to meet TTB requirements at the importation of those commodities. The information gathered through the comments on the draft instructions and pilot program and through an evaluation of the pilot program will allow TTB and CBP to refine their implementation of ITDS.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: 80 Federal Register (FR) 47558, 10 August 2015

9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 6 October 2015
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/2015/TBT/USA/15_3134_00_e.pdf