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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> Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (OEERE), Department of Energy (DOE) [1166]  <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 Enquiry Point Email: <a href="mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov">usatbtep@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> Portable air conditioners. Environmental protection (ICS: 13.020), Ventilators. Fans. Air-conditioners (ICS: 23.120)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Portable Air Conditioners (60 pages, in English)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), as amended, sets forth various provisions designed to improve energy efficiency for consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment. In addition to specifying a list of covered residential products and commercial equipment, EPCA contains provisions that enable the Secretary of Energy to classify additional types of consumer products as covered products. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has previously published a proposed determination of coverage to classify portable air conditioners (ACs) as covered consumer products under the applicable provisions in EPCA. In this document, DOE proposes energy conservation standards for portable ACs following its notice of final determination of coverage. This document also announces a public meeting to receive comment on these proposed standards and associated analyses and results.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of the environment
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> 81 Federal Register (FR) 38398, 13 June 2016; Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 429 and 430. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined  <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be determined

<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 12 August 2016
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/USA/16_2357_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/USA/16_2357_00_e.pdf</a>