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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>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Department of the Environment and 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: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade email: tbt.enquiry@dfat.gov.au website: www.dfat.gov.au
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 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): Commercial/industrial air conditioners >65kW; Air conditioning machines, comprising a motor-driven fan and elements for changing the temperature and humidity, including those machines in which the humidity cannot be separately regulated (HS 8415); Ventilators. Fans. Air-conditioners (ICS 23.120)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Air Conditioners above 65kW) Determination 2019 (10 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: Proposed changes to the energy efficiency regulations for air conditioners to be covered by the instrument are set out below. <u>Commercial/industrial air conditioners</u> Introduce a MEPS of 2.9 for air conditioners with a capacity of >65 kW based on their Annual Energy Efficiency Ratio (AEER) and Annual Coefficient of Performance (ACOP). <u>Note:</u> MEPS for these products currently apply (at levels between 2.6 and 2.8) under the National Construction Code (NCC). Australia will include these MEPS (at the higher level of 2.9 shown above) under the Greenhouse Energy Minimum Standards (GEMS) Act 2012.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Alignment of standards and regulation with international standards.2. Contribute to Australia's plan to improve energy productivity by 40 per cent by 2030.

<p>3. Contribute to Australia's target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030.</p> <p>Protection of the environment; Harmonization; Cost saving and productivity enhancement</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <p>A copy of the exposure draft of the instrument is available at: http://www.energyrating.gov.au/document/exposure-draft-greenhouse-and-energy-minimum-standards-air-conditioners-above-65kw</p> <p>The instrument refers to requirements specified for air conditioners up to 65kW in the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Air Conditioners up to 65kW) Determination 2019, which is available at: https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2019L00490</p> <p>A full list of policy documents on these proposed changes can be found under "Key Documents" at: http://energyrating.gov.au/products/space-heating-and-cooling#toc4</p>
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: 1 April 2020</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: 1 April 2021</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification; The final date for comments is 15 February 2020.</p>
<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>A copy of the exposure draft of the instrument is available at: http://www.energyrating.gov.au/document/exposure-draft-greenhouse-and-energy-minimum-standards-air-conditioners-above-65kw</p> <p>The instrument refers to requirements specified for air conditioners up to 65kW in the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Air Conditioners up to 65kW) Determination 2019, which is available at: https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2019L00490</p> <p>A full list of policy documents on these proposed changes can be found under "Key Documents" at: http://energyrating.gov.au/products/space-heating-and-cooling#toc4</p> <p>http://www.energyrating.gov.au/document/exposure-draft-greenhouse-and-energy-minimum-standards-air-conditioners-above-65kw</p> <p>https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2019L00490</p> <p>http://energyrating.gov.au/products/space-heating-and-cooling#toc4</p>