NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED STATES

2. Agency responsible: Department of Energy (183)

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [ ], 2.6.1 [ ], 7.3.2 [ ], 7.4.1 [ ], Other:

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
Furnaces, vented and unvented home heating equipment (CCCN Chapter 84).

5. Title: Energy conservation programme for consumers, test procedures for furnaces, vented home heating equipment and unvented home heating equipment

6. Description of content: The Department of Energy (DOE) proposes amendments to its test procedures for furnaces and vented and unvented home heating equipment. Department of Energy proposes to incorporate, by reference, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers Standard 103-82 into the furnace test procedure. Other amendments proposed for furnaces include test procedures for modulating furnaces and boilers, condensing furnaces and boilers, and thermal stack dampers, and other technical revisions. Amendments proposed for vented home heating equipment include test procedures for vented heaters with thermal stack dampers and/or manual controls and a simplified test procedure which covers modulating vented heaters. Amendments proposed for unvented home heating equipment include test procedures for unvented heaters that use natural gas, propane or kerosene. Department of Energy is also proposing to include an estimated cost per million BTU output as a measure of energy use for vented and unvented heaters.

7. Objective and rationale: Energy conservation and consumer information


9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: To be determined

10. Final date for comments: 15 September 1983

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ X ] or address of other body: