NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United States of America  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (OEERE), Department of Energy (DOE) [1585]  **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: [usatbtep@nist.gov](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****X],** **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):** Consumer refrigeration products; Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Test conditions and procedures in general (ICS 19.020), Refrigerating technology (ICS 27.200), Domestic refrigerating appliances (ICS 97.040.30) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Consumer Refrigeration Products (39 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comment - The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes to amend the test procedures for consumer refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers, and miscellaneous refrigeration products (collectively "consumer refrigeration products"). The proposed test procedure amendments would, among other things, define the term "compartment", and revise the method for including the energy use of automatic icemakers and certain other energy-using functions. DOE is also proposing to adjust the standards for these products to ensure that this change in test methodology does not require manufacturers to increase the efficiency of already compliant products or allow previously non-compliant products to meet the current energy conservation standard. DOE is announcing a public meeting and comment period to collect comments and data on its proposal, and methods to reduce regulatory burden while ensuring the test procedures' representativeness of energy use during an average use cycle or period of use. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * 84 Federal Register (FR) 70842, 23 December 2019; Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 430: [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-12-23/html/2019-26903.htm>](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-12-23/html/2019-26903.htm) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-12-23/pdf/2019-26903.pdf>](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-12-23/pdf/2019-26903.pdf) * Primary and Supporting Documents as well as comments from a June 2017 Request for Information (RFI) are accessible from Regulations.gov at [<https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EERE-2017-BT-TP-0004>](https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EERE-2017-BT-TP-0004) * [G/TBT/N/USA/551 and subsequent addenda](http://tbtims.wto.org/en/Notifications/Search?ProductsCoveredHSCodes=&ProductsCoveredICSCodes=&DoSearch=True&ExpandSearchMoreFields=False&NotifyingMember=United+States+of+America&DocumentSymbol=G%2FTBT%2FN%2FUSA%2F551&DistributionDateFrom=&DistributionDateTo=&SearchTerm=&ProductsCovered=&DescriptionOfContent=&CommentPeriod=&FinalDateForCommentsFrom=&FinalDateForCommentsTo=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionFrom=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionTo=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceFrom=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceTo=) - Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Refrigerators, Refrigerator-Freezers, and Freezers * [G/TBT/N/USA/842 and subsequent addenda](http://tbtims.wto.org/en/Notifications/Search?ProductsCoveredHSCodes=&ProductsCoveredICSCodes=&DoSearch=True&ExpandSearchMoreFields=False&NotifyingMember=United+States+of+America&DocumentSymbol=G%2FTBT%2FN%2FUSA%2F842&DistributionDateFrom=&DistributionDateTo=&SearchTerm=&ProductsCovered=&DescriptionOfContent=&CommentPeriod=&FinalDateForCommentsFrom=&FinalDateForCommentsTo=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionFrom=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionTo=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceFrom=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceTo=) - Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Refrigerators, Refrigerator-Freezers, and Freezers |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 21 February 2020 |
| **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/2020/TBT/USA/20_0339_00_e.pdf> |