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) [1792]**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 |
| **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):** Microwave ovens; Microwave ovens (HS 851650); Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Kitchen equipment (ICS 97.040) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Microwave Ovens (17 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Notification of proposed determination and request for comment - The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including microwave ovens. EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") to periodically determine whether more-stringent, amended standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would result in significant energy savings. In this notification of proposed determination ("NOPD"), DOE has initially determined that energy conservation standards for microwave ovens do not need to be amended and requests comment on this proposed determination and the associated analyses and results. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 86 Federal Register (FR) 44298, 12 August 2021; Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 430:<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-08-12/html/2021-17123.htm><https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-08-12/pdf/2021-17123.pdf>This notification of proposed determination and request for comment is identified by Docket Number EERE-2017-BT-STD-0023. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2017-BT-STD-0023/document> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the regulator and will also be submitted to the [Docket](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2017-BT-STD-0023/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Microwave Ovens; Request for Information published 13 August 2019:<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-08-13/html/2019-17322.htm><https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-08-13/pdf/2019-17322.pdf>[G/TBT/N/USA/425/Add.9](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/q/G/Tbtn08/USA425A9.pdf) - Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Standby Mode and Off Mode for Microwave Ovens; Final Rule[G/TBT/N/USA/1550 and G/TBT/N/USA/1550/Add.1](http://tbtims.wto.org/en/Notifications/Search?ProductsCoveredHSCodes=&ProductsCoveredICSCodes=&DoSearch=True&ExpandSearchMoreFields=False&NotifyingMember=&DocumentSymbol=usa%2F1550&DistributionDateFrom=&DistributionDateTo=&SearchTerm=&ProductsCovered=&DescriptionOfContent=&CommentPeriod=&FinalDateForCommentsFrom=&FinalDateForCommentsTo=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionFrom=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionTo=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceFrom=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceTo=&ReasonForAddendum=) - Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Microwave Ovens |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 12 October 2021 |
| **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/2021/TBT/USA/21_5177_00_e.pdf> |