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) [1846]**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 [****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):** Dishwashers; Dish-washing machines of the household type (HS 842211); Quality (ICS 03.120), Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Test conditions and procedures in general (ICS 19.020), Dishwashers (ICS 97.040.40) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Dishwashers (40 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 current test procedures appendix for dishwashers, adopt a new test procedure appendix, incorporate by reference newly published Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers ("AHAM") standards--AHAM DW-1-2020 and DW-2-2020--and apply certain provisions of the industry standards to to the test procedures appendices. The proposed amendments to the current procedure would establish requirements for water hardness, relative humidity, and loading pattern; update requirements for ambient temperature, detergent dosage, and standby power measurement; include testing approaches from recently published waivers for dishwashers; and include provisions for a minimum cleaning index threshold to validate the selected test cycle. The proposed new test procedure appendix would additionally include updated annual number of cycles and low-power mode hours for the calculation of energy consumption. DOE is seeking comments from interested parties on the proposal. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 86 Federal Register (FR) 72738, 22 December 2021; Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 430:<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-12-22/html/2021-26880.htm><https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-12-22/pdf/2021-26880.pdf>This notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comment is identified by Docket Number EERE-2016-BT-TP-0012.  The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2016-BT-TP-0012/document> and provides access to primary and supporting 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 by or before [4pm](https://time.is/EST) [Eastern Time](https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/) on 22 February 2022.  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-2016-BT-TP-0012/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Dishwashers; Request for Information published 20 August 2019 and identified by Docket Number [EERE-2016-BT-TP-0012](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2016-BT-TP-0012/document):<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-08-20/html/2019-17762.htm><https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-08-20/pdf/2019-17762.pdf>[G/TBT/N/USA/604/Add.7](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/Tbtn10/USA604A7.DOC) - Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Residential Dishwashers, Dehumidifiers, and Conventional Cooking Products; Final Rule published 31 October 2012 and identified by Docket Number [EERE-2010-BT-TP-0039](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2010-BT-TP-0039/document)[G/TBT/N/USA/945/Add.2](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/q/G/TBTN15/USA945A2.pdf) - Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Dishwashers; Final Rule published 13 December 2016 and identified by Docket Number [EERE-2014-BT-STD-0021](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2014-BT-STD-0021/document) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 22 February 2022 |
| **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/2022/TBT/USA/22_0024_00_e.pdf> |