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) [1870]**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):** Variable refrigerant flow (VRF) multi-split air conditioners and VRF multi-split system heat pumps; Air conditioning machines comprising a motor-driven fan and elements for changing the temperature and humidity, incl. those machines in which the humidity cannot be separately regulated; parts thereof (HS 8415); Refrigerators, freezers and other refrigerating or freezing equipment, electric or other; heat pumps; parts thereof (excl. air conditioning machines of heading 8415) (HS 8418); Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Ventilators. Fans. Air-conditioners (ICS 23.120), Heat pumps (ICS 27.080) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Variable Refrigerant Flow Multi-Split Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps (21 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comment - In this document, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or the "Department") is proposing amended energy conservation standards for variable refrigerant flow (VRF) multi-split air conditioners and VRF multi-split system heat pumps (collectively referred to as "VRF multi-split systems") that rely on a new cooling efficiency metric and are equivalent to those levels specified in the industry standard. DOE has preliminarily determined that it lacks the clear and convincing evidence required by the statute to adopt standards more stringent than the levels specified in the industry standard. This document also announces a public meeting webinar to receive comment on these proposed standards and associated analyses and results.DOE will hold a public meeting via webinar on Wednesday, 23 March 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. [Eastern Time](https://24timezones.com/time-zone/et). See section VII, "Public Participation," for webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 87 Federal Register (FR) 11335, 1 March 2022; Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 431:<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-03-01/html/2022-03836.htm><https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-03-01/pdf/2022-03836.pdf>This notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comment is identified by Docket Number EERE-2018-BT-STD-0003. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2018-BT-STD-0003/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](http://time-time.net/times/time-zones/usa-canada/current-eastern-time-est.php) [Eastern Time](https://24timezones.com/time-zone/et) on 2 May 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-2018-BT-STD-0003/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period. [G/TBT/N/USA/1812](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/TBTN21/USA1812.DOCX) - Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for VRF Multi-Split Systems; [Notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comment](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-12-10/html/2021-26288.htm) published 10 December 2021.  |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 2 May 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_1894_00_e.pdf> |