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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

Revision

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

- Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u>
 If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
- 2. Agency responsible:

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (OEERE), Department of Energy (DOE)

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: <u>usatbtep@nist.gov</u>

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], 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 code(s): 851650); Kitchen equipment (ICS code(s): 97.040)
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Microwave Ovens; (5 page(s), in English)
- **6. Description of content:** Proposed rule; request for comments The Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to rescind the energy conservation standards for <u>microwave ovens</u>. The rescission will eliminate the efficiency requirements for microwave ovens.
 - DOE will hold a webinar on Thursday, 29 May 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. See section III, "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:** Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Cost saving and productivity enhancement

8. Relevant documents:

90 Federal Register (FR) 20895, 16 May 2025; <u>Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)</u> Part 430:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-05-16/html/2025-08588.htm

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This proposed rule; request for comments is identified by Docket Number EERE-2025-BT-STD-0014. The Docket Folder available from Regulations.gov is https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2025-BT-STD-0014/document and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from 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 Eastern Time on 15 July 2025. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with DOE and will also be submitted to the Docket on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

Previous actions notified under the symbol <u>G/TBT/N/USA/1763</u> are 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 by searching the Docket Number.

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Final date for comments: 15 July 2025

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone or fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/25_03556_00_e.pdf