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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

### Addendum

The following communication, dated 30 September 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

**Title:** Approval of American Society of Mechanical Engineers Unconditioned Code Cases

Reason for Addendum:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comment period changed - date:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure adopted - date:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure published - date: 26 September 2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure enters into force - date: 26 January 2026; This final rule is effective 26 January 2026, unless significant adverse comments are received by 25 November 2025. If the direct final rule is withdrawn as a result of such comments, timely notice of the withdrawal will be published in the Federal Register. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Comments received on this direct final rule will also be considered to be comments on a companion proposed rule (notified as G/TBT/N/USA/2241) published in the Proposed Rules section of this issue of the Federal Register. The incorporation by reference of certain material listed in the regulation is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of 26 January 2026.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Text of final measure available from <sup>1</sup> : <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/final_measure/25_06488_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/final_measure/25_06488_00_e.pdf</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date: Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from <sup>1</sup> : New deadline for comments (if applicable):
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

**Description:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its regulations to incorporate by reference a regulatory guide that approves unconditioned code cases published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). This action allows nuclear power plant applicants and licensees to use the code cases as voluntary alternatives to engineering standards

<sup>1</sup> This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

for nuclear power plant components. These standards are set forth in the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and ASME Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants, which are currently incorporated by reference into the NRC's regulations.

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90 Federal Register (FR) 46319, 26 September 2025; [Title 30 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) Part 50](#):

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-09-26/html/2025-18769.htm>

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This direct final rule and the proposed rule notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/2241](#) are identified by Docket Number NRC-2024-0163. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NRC-2024-0163/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 25 November 2025. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with NRC and will also be submitted to the [Docket](#) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

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