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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: usatbtep@nist.gov

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): General service lamps ("GSLs"); Product and company certification. Conformity assessment (ICS code(s): 03.120.20); Environment and environmental protection in general (ICS code(s): 13.020.01); Electrical and electronic testing (ICS code(s): 19.080); Lamps and related equipment (ICS code(s): 29.140)
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for General Service Lamps; (14 page(s), in English)
- 6. Description of content: Notice of proposed rulemaking and announcement of public meeting (if requested by 2 December 2024) - The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes several clarifications to the test procedures for general service lamps ("GSLs") located in appendix W, appendix BB and appendix DD. Specifically, DOE proposes to clarify that GSLs must not be tested as colored lamps, GSLs that can operate at multiple correlated color temperatures ("CCTs") be tested at one specific CCT, and that lamps with additional components that do not affect light output must be turned off during testing. The proposed clarifications specify that non-integrated lamps be tested with a fluorescent lamp ballast or external driver selected based on compatibility lists and availability; and provide specifications regarding the starting method, ballast factor, number of lamps and references to the relevant industry standards. This rulemaking is limited in scope and is considering clarifications to the current test procedures that are required for certification of compliance with existing applicable GSL energy conservation standards. Further, this rulemaking does not satisfy the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) requirement that, at least once every 7 years, DOE review the test procedures for GSLs. DOE is seeking comment 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:

89 Federal Register (FR) 92855, 25 November 2024; <u>Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations</u> (<u>CFR</u>) Parts <u>429</u> and <u>430</u>:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-11-25/html/2024-26693.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-11-25/pdf/2024-26693.pdf

DOE will hold a public meeting if one is requested by 2 December 2024. If a public meeting is requested, DOE will announce its date and participation information on the DOE website and via email.

This notice of proposed rulemaking and announcement of public meeting (if requested by 2 December 2024) is identified by Docket Number EERE-2024-BT-TP-0010. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2024-BT-TP-0010/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 requests for a public meeting and/or comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point. Requests for a public meeting are due by or before 4pm Eastern Time on 2 December 2024. Comments are due by or before 4pm Eastern Time on 2 December 2024. 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 on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

Referenced Notification(s):

- G/TBT/N/USA/1959/Add.1
- Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

- 10. Final date for comments: 26 December 2024
- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone or fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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