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**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade** 

## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

## 2. Agency responsible:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT) [2194]

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 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other [X]: NHTSA is announcing that it will discontinue the Traffic Enforcement Technologies Program and no longer maintain a Conforming Product List (CPL), it will maintain the CPL for one year after the date of publication of this notice to permit manufacturers with devices on the current CPL time to enter devices into the industry-based verification program. Accordingly, as of 21 November 2025 NHTSA will retire the CPL that it maintained through the Interim Administrative Guide for the Traffic Enforcement Technologies Program. Manufacturers that prefer a verification of DTR radar devices they produce may engage the industry-based verification program developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Speed measuring devices conformity; Radar apparatus (HS code(s): 852610); Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Electrical and electronic testing (ICS code(s): 19.080); Road equipment and installations (ICS code(s): 93.080.30)
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Speed Measuring Device Conformity--RADAR; (3 page(s), in English)
- 6. Description of content: Notice of Transition of the NHTSA managed Down The Road (DTR) Radar Speed Measuring Device (SMD) Conforming Products List (CPL) program to an industry-based Verification Program The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) provides notice to the public that the Conforming Products List (CPL) maintained and updated by NHTSA for <u>Down The Road (DTR)</u> radar speed measuring devices will be discontinued. A new industry-based product Verification Program has been developed to confirm that DTR radar speed measuring devices conform to certain minimum specifications. The new industry-based product Verification Program will provide manufacturers the flexibility to confirm conformance with any testing entity as long as the entity can fulfill the requirements for testing and verifying device compliance with the established performance specifications, testing protocols and laboratory accreditation requirements of the industry-based Verification Program. To

afford manufacturers time to transition to the new program, NHTSA will maintain the CPL for one year after the date of this notice.

Under the new Verification Program, a DTR radar speed measuring device manufacturer can use an accredited testing entity to verify that its speed measuring device conforms to an established performance standard and will be placed on a verified products list maintained by the Verification Program. Please refer to the NIST website for a list of available Verification Programs: <u>https://www.nist.gov/mml/mmsd/security-technologies-group/down-road-dtr-radar</u>. The new Verification Program will provide manufacturers with a proven method of demonstrating compliance to the minimum performance specifications, will empower end-users to make better purchasing decisions, and benefit manufacturers as products can quickly gain market acceptance.

Accordingly, as of the date of this publication, NHTSA will no longer perform CPL processing under the Interim Administrative Guide for the Traffic Enforcement Technologies Program.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The objective of this notice is two-fold. First, to notify the public that a new industry-based verification program, based on the IEEE Standard, is available to manufacturers. Second, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) notifies the public that the NHTSA Traffic Enforcement Technologies Program will be discontinued due to the establishment of the industry-based verification program.

## 8. Relevant documents:

89 Federal Register (FR) 92281, 21 November 2024:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-11-21/html/2024-27130.htm

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This notice is identified by Docket Number NHTSA-2024-0074. The Non-rulemaking Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NHTSA-2024-0074/document">https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NHTSA-2024-0074/document</a> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from <a href="Regulations.gov">Regulations.gov</a> by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders by <a href="#mailto:4pm Eastern Time">4pm Eastern Time</a> on 21 December 2024 will be shared with NHTSA and will also be submitted to the <a href="#mailto:Docket">Docket</a> on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

<u>IEEE 2450-2019</u> Performance of Down-the-Road Radar Used in Traffic Speed Measurements (IEEE Standard)

A list of entities that are accredited verification entities to IEEE Standard 2450-2019 is located here <u>https://www.nist.gov/mml/mmsd/security-technologies-group/down-road-dtr-radar</u>

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

- **10.** Final date for comments: 21 December 2024
- **11.** Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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