NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 3 November 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

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**Title:** Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for External Power Supplies

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**Description:** TITLE: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for External Power Supplies

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy

ACTION: Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comment

SUMMARY: On 6 December 2019, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR") proposing certain amendments to its test procedure for external power supplies ("EPS" or "EPSs"), notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/929/Rev.1](https://docs.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/TBTN14/USA929R1.DOCX). In this supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking ("SNOPR"), DOE is proposing additional amendments and modifications to certain proposals presented in the SNOPR. In this document, DOE is proposing to remove reference to direct operation and indirect operation Class A EPSs in the scope; simplify and more explicitly align the scope of the test procedure with the scope of the energy conservation standards; provide additional specifications for the testing of EPSs that do not ship with an output cord; and align the testing requirements for programmable power supplies with those for Universal Serial Bus Power Delivery ("USB-PD") EPSs. Further, DOE proposes to maintain the location of certain definitions for which it proposed in the NOPR to relocate. DOE is seeking comment from interested parties on the proposals.

DATES: DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this SNOPR no later than 3 January 2022. See section [V], "Public Participation," for details. DOE will hold a webinar on Wednesday, 15 December 2021 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. See section V, "Public Participation," for webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants. If no participants register for the webinar, it will be cancelled.

This supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comment and previous actions notified under the symbol [G/TBT/N/USA/929/Rev.1](http://tbtims.wto.org/en/Notifications/Search?ProductsCoveredHSCodes=&ProductsCoveredICSCodes=&DoSearch=True&ExpandSearchMoreFields=False&NotifyingMember=United+States+of+America&DocumentSymbol=929%2FRev.1&DistributionDateFrom=&DistributionDateTo=&SearchTerm=&ProductsCovered=&DescriptionOfContent=&CommentPeriod=&FinalDateForCommentsFrom=&FinalDateForCommentsTo=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionFrom=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionTo=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceFrom=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceTo=&ReasonForAddendum=) are identified by Docket Number EERE-2019-BT-TP-0012. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2019-BT-TP-0012/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](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov). 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-2019-BT-TP-0012/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

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1. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)