

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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

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| 1. | Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2): |
| 2. | Agency responsible: Department of Energy (20) Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: |
| 3. | Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other: |
| 4. | Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Clothes Washers (HS Chapter 8451) |
| 5. | Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Clothes Washer Energy Conservation Standards (39 pages, in English) |
| 6. | Description of content: The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, prescribes energy conservation standards for certain major household appliances, and requires the Department of Energy to administer an energy conservation program for these products. The Department conducted several analyses regarding the energy savings, benefits and burdens of amended energy conservation standards for clothes washers and have shared the results of these analyses with all stakeholders. |
| 7. | Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To amend the energy conservation standard for clothes washers. |
| 8. | Relevant documents: 65 FR 59550, 5 October 2000; 10 CFR Part 430. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted. |
| 9. | Proposed date of adoption: To be determined. Proposed date of entry into force: |
| 10. | Final date for comments: 4 December 2000 |
| 11. | Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: The text is also available on the Internet at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html |