

# 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.

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>UNITED STATES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Federal Trade Commission (27) <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b>  Amplifiers (HS Chapter 8518)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Trade Regulation Rule Relating to Power Output Claims for Amplifiers Utilized in Home Entertainment Products (7 pages)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Commission is commencing a rulemaking proceeding to amend its Rules relating to Power Output Claims for Amplifiers Utilized in Home Entertainment Products (the "Amplifier Rule" or the "Rule"). The Commission proposes amending the Rule to: exempt sellers who make power output claims in media advertising from the requirements to disclose total rated harmonic distortion and the associated power bandwidth and impedance ratings; clarify the manner in which the Rule's testing procedures apply to self-powered subwoofer-satellite combination speaker systems; and reduce the preconditioning power output requirement from one-third of rated power to one-eighth of rated power.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Consumer information and standardizing the measurement and disclosure of various performance characteristics of the equipment.
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> 64 FR 38610, 19 July 1999; 16 CFR Part 432. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b>
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 17 September 1999
11.	<b>Texts available from:</b> <b>National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body:</b> The text is also available on the Internet at: <a href="http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html">http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html</a>