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## NOTIFICATION

### *Addendum*

The following communication, dated 25 May 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

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TITLE: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Residential and Commercial Clothes Washers

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

ACTION: Request for information

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is initiating a data collection process through this request for information ("RFI") to consider whether to amend its test procedures for clothes washers. As part of this RFI, DOE seeks comment on whether there have been changes in product testing methodology or new products on the market since the last test procedure update that may create the need to make amendments to the test procedure for clothes washers. DOE also seeks data and information that could enable the agency to propose that the current test procedure produces results that are representative of an average use cycle for the product and is not unduly burdensome to conduct, and therefore does not need amendment. DOE requests comment on specific aspects of the current test procedure, including product definitions and configurations, testing conditions and instrumentation, measurement methods, representative usage and efficiency factors, and metric definitions. DOE also seeks comment on any additional topics that may inform DOE's decision whether to conduct a future test procedure rulemaking, including methods to ensure that the test procedure is reasonably designed to measure energy and water use during a representative average use cycle or period of use and is not unduly burdensome to conduct. DOE welcomes written comments from the public on any subject within the scope of this document (including topics not raised in this RFI).

Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before 22 June 2020.

The docket folder for this Request for Information is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EERE-2016-BT-TP-0011>. WTO members who wish to comment on this Request for Information are asked to send comments to [usatbtep@nist.gov](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov).

The docket folder for the Energy Conservation Program's rulemaking on Test Procedures for Residential Clothes Washers (associated with [G/TBT/N/USA/903 and subsequent addendum and corrigenda](#)) is available on Regulations.gov, and provides access to additional relevant primary and supporting documents, as well as comments received:

<https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EERE-2013-BT-TP-0009>.

The docket folder for the Energy Conservation Program's rulemaking for Test Procedure for Residential Clothes Washers (associated with [G/TBT/N/USA/580 and subsequent addenda and corrigenda](#)) is available on Regulations.gov, and provides access to relevant primary and supporting documents, as well as comments received:

<https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EERE-2010-BT-TP-0021>.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-05-22/html/2020-09990.htm>

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