NOTIFICATION

Revision

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

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (OEERE), Department of Energy (DOE)  **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:** |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X], 2.10.1 [****], 5.6.2 [****], 5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****], other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Commercial and industrial fans, blowers & fume hoods; Air or vacuum pumps (excl. gas compound elevators and pneumatic elevators and conveyors); air or other gas compressors and fans; ventilating or recycling hoods incorporating a fan, whether or not fitted with filters; parts thereof (HS code(s): 8414); Environmental protection (ICS code(s): 13.020); Ventilators. Fans. Air-conditioners (ICS code(s): 23.120); Energy efficiency. Energy conservation in general (ICS code(s): 27.015) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Fans and Blowers; (162 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Notice of proposed rulemaking and announcement of public meeting on 21 February 2024 - The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("[EPCA](https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/determinations-and-coverage-rulemakings)"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including [fans and blowers](https://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/standards.aspx?productid=51). EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") to periodically determine whether more stringent standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified and would result in significant energy savings. In this notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR"), DOE proposes energy conservation standards for two categories of fans and blowers: air circulating fans ("ACFs"), and fans and blowers that are not ACFs, referred to as general fans and blowers ("GFBs") throughout this document. DOE also announces a public meeting to receive comment on these proposed standards and associated analyses and results. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  89 Federal Register (FR) 3714, 19 January 2024, [Title 10](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-10) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts [429](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-10/chapter-II/subchapter-D/part-429?toc=1) and [431](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-10/chapter-II/subchapter-D/part-431?toc=1):  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-01-19/html/2023-28976.htm>  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-01-19/pdf/2023-28976.pdf>  DOE will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, 21 February 2024, from [10 a.m. to 4 p.m.](http://time-time.net/times/time-zones/usa-canada/current-eastern-time-est.php) [Eastern Time](https://24timezones.com/time-zone/et), in Washington, DC. This meeting will also be broadcast as a webinar. The public meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 6E–069, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585. See section VII of this document, "Public Participation," for further details, including procedures for attending the in-person meeting, webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants.  This notice of proposed rulemaking; announcement of public meeting and previous actions notified under the symbol [G/TBT/N/USA/636](https://eping.wto.org/en/Search?domainIds=1&documentSymbol=usa%2F636) are identified by Docket Number EERE-2022-BT-STD-0002. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2022-BT-STD-0002/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) by or before [4pm](http://time-time.net/times/time-zones/usa-canada/current-eastern-time-est.php) [Eastern Time](https://24timezones.com/time-zone/et) on 19 March 2024. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with DOE and will also be submitted to the [Docket](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2022-BT-STD-0002/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 19 March 2024 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X] or address, telephone or fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/USA/24_00669_00_e.pdf> |