NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** European Union **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** European Commission**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:** European Commission,EU-TBT Enquiry Point,Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43,E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.euWebsite: <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/>  |
| **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):** Washing machines and household washer-dryers |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Commission Regulation laying down ecodesign requirements for household washing machines and household washer-dryers pursuant to Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 1275/2008 and repealing Commission Regulation (EU) No 1015/2010 (and its accompanying annexes) (8 pages + Annex 24 pages, in English)   |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This draft Commission Regulation covers products designed for washing, and for combined washing and drying of household laundry to be placed on the EU market.The draft regulation lays down minimum energy performance requirements, in particular on maximum power demand in active mode and for the low power modes of household washing machines and household washer-dryers; appropriate requirements contributing to circular economy objectives in particular, requirements on resource efficiency including availability of necessary spare parts and maximum delivery time thereof, access to repair and maintenance information, information requirements for refrigerant gases, requirements for disassembly for the purpose of repair and for material recovery and recycling; functional requirements, in particular washing performance and remaining moisture content, water consumption and information requirements. In accordance with the Ecodesign Directive 2009/125/EC, household washing machines and household washer-dryersnot meeting these requirements will not be allowed to be placed on the EU market. The draft Regulation is based on the findings of technical, environmental and economic studies and takes into account the opinions of the different stakeholders. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The aim of the draft Regulation is to address energy and water efficiency and the ability to recycle household washing machines and household washer-dryersin the EU. The Commission has reviewed Regulation 1015/2010/EU in the light of technological progress and in view of a possible scope extension to cover washer-dryers. The review study analysed technical, environmental and economic aspects of household washing machines and household washer-dryers as well as the real-life user behaviour. The study was developed in consultation with stakeholders and interested parties from the European Union and third countries. The results of the study have been made publicly available and presented to the Consultation Forum established by Article 18 of Directive 2009/125/EC. The study concluded that there was a need for the introduction of a revised set of ecodesign requirements for household washing machines, also applicable to the washing function of washer-dryers and an additional revised set of eco-design requirements for washer-dryers. Existing EU measures addressing energy efficiency of household washing machines and household washer-dryers need to be adapted as a result of the technological changes over the past 8 and 18 years respectively for washing machines and washer-dryers. The proposed regulation takes into account technological progress and experience gained in implementation of existing requirements, so as to enhance the energy and carbon emissions savings potential of the products covered and the move towards a more resource efficient and circular economy. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** [Directive 2009/125/EC](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32005L0032:EN:NOT) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for the setting of ecodesign requirements for energy-related products, *Official Journal L 285, 31 October 2009, P. 010.*<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:285:0010:0035:en:PDF>Commission Regulation (EC) No 1015/2010 of 10 November 2010 implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for household washing machines<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32010R1015>   |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:**  February 2019**Proposed date of entry into force:**  20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU. The provisions shall apply from 1 April 2021, except for provisions concerning the name eco 40-60, applying from 1 October 2021, and a second tier for energy efficiency requirements, applying from 1 April 2024. |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** European Commission,EU-TBT Enquiry Point,Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43,E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.euThe text is available on the EU-TBT Website : <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_5519_00_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_5519_01_e.pdf> |