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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u>
2. Agency responsible: Department of Energy (314)
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Room air conditioners, water heaters, direct heating equipment, mobile home furnaces, kitchen ranges and ovens, pool heaters, clothes washers, and fluorescent lamp ballasts (HS Chapters 8415, 8419, 8450, 8504, 8516)
5. Title: Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Regarding Energy Conservation Standards for Nine Types of Consumer Products (11 pages)
6. Description of content: The Energy Policy and Conservation Act 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 purposes of this advance notice of proposed rulemaking are to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Present for comment the product classes that the Department of Energy (DOE) is planning to analyse.2. Present a detailed discussion of the analytical methodology and analytical models that DOE expects to use in performing analyses in connection with the proposed rule.3. Facilitate the gathering of information and comments prior to publishing a subsequent notice of proposed rulemaking.
7. Objective and rationale: Energy Conservation
8. Relevant documents: 55 FR 39624, 28 September 1990; 10 CFR Part 430. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Not yet determined
10. Final date for comments: 12 December 1990
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: