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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party and Agency: Federal Ministry of Economics, Federal Republic of Germany
2. Provision of the Agreement: Article 2.5.2
3. Product(s) covered, CCCN Heading (National Tariff Heading where applicable): Heat meters and heating cost meters according to DIN 4713 Teil 2 to 4 (heading number 90.24); hot water meters and hot water cost meters (heading number 90.26)
4. Title of project: Regulation concerning heating cost billing according to actual consumption
5. Description: Binding regulation concerning the ascertainment and billing of heating and hot water preparation costs according to actual consumption in flats not under rent control, owner-occupied dwellings and commercially used buildings
6. Objective and rationale: Further reduction of energy consumption for space heating by requiring heating costs to be billed according to actual consumption. In the Federal Republic of Germany 40 per cent of total energy consumption is accounted for by space heating with the share of oil being in excess of 50 per cent
7. Relevant document(s): Bundesratsdrucksache (Bundestag print) 632/80 dated 19 December 1980 DIN 4713 and 4714
8. Where published, when adopted: Bundesgesetzblatt Teil I
9. Final date for submission of comments: 26 February 1981
10. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 March 1981