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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Federal Communications Commission (FCC) [2161] 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: Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): Radio-frequency (RF) devices; Product and company certification. Conformity assessment (ICS code(s): 03.120.20); Radiocommunications (ICS code(s): 33.060)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Promoting the Integrity and Security of Telecommunications Certification Bodies, Measurement Facilities, and the Equipment Authorization Program; (54 page(s), in English), (13 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: Proposed rule - In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission, FCC) proposes to strengthen requirements and oversight relating to telecommunications certification bodies and measurement facilities to help ensure the integrity of these entities for purposes of the equipment authorization, to better protect national security, and to advance the Commission's comprehensive strategy to build a more secure and resilient communications supply chain.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: National security requirements; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Quality requirements
8. Relevant documents: 89 Federal Register (FR) 55530, 5 July 2024; Title 47 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 2: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-07-05/html/2024-14491.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-07-05/pdf/2024-14491.pdf https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-24-58A1.pdf Documents from the FCC associated with this proposed rule are identified by ET Docket

[No. 24-136](#) and are accessible through the FCC's [Electronic Document Management System \(EDOCS\)](#). Comments are due on or before 3 September 2024; reply comments are due on or before 3 October 2024. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](#) by or before [4pm Eastern Time](#) on 3 October 2024. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the regulator and will also be submitted to the [FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System \(ECFS\)](#) if received within the comment period. Proceedings and filings for this action are accessible in the ECFS [here](#).

[G/TBT/N/USA/1771 and subsequent addendum, revision, and corrigendum](#) - Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through the Equipment Authorization Program and the Competitive Bidding Program; Docket/RM: 21-232 and 21-233, accessible in EDOCS [here](#) and [here](#). Proceedings and filings are accessible via the ECFS [here](#) and [here](#).

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Final date for comments: 3 October 2024

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/USA/24_04404_00_e.pdf

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