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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 KINGDOM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
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 codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Household Tumble Dryers: (HS code(s): 842112)
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Consultation document on proposed new standards for household tumble dryers, 43 pages, English.2. Draft statutory instrument, 58 pages, English.3. Options assessment, 36 pages, English. Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/GBR/25_04675_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/GBR/25_04675_01_e.pdf Link to the consultation page: https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/raising-product-standards-for-household-tumble-dryers UK TBT Enquiry Point Trade Group, Department for Business and Trade Old Admiralty Building, London, SW1A 2DY tbtenquiriesuk@businessandtrade.gov.uk
6. Description of content: The UK Government is proposing to update existing ecodesign and energy labelling regulations for household tumble dryers placed on the GB market. We aim to mirror the EU's new regulations for household tumble dryers in GB. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• for ecodesign, mirrors Regulation (EU) 2023/2533 in GB.• for labelling, mirrors Regulation (EU) 2023/2534 in GB. We have also published an options assessment alongside this consultation which details our analysis of the costs and benefits of this policy and a draft Statutory up Instrument.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: TBT legitimate objectives:

1. Protection of the environment. These proposals will save 0.91MtCO₂e in carbon by 2050, contributing towards net zero targets.
2. Consumer information, labelling. The proposed measures will improve consumer information by rescaling the energy efficiency classes on GB energy labels from an A+++ - D scale to an A - G scale, as well as introducing classifications for noise emission, condensation efficiency and repairability.
3. Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade. We propose to mirror the new EU regulations in GB which will prevent unnecessary barriers to trade with the EU and with Northern Ireland (where EU regulations automatically apply under the terms of the Windsor Framework).

This Draft SI aims to:

- Enhance efficiency:

The proposed Minimum Energy Performance Standards would improve the efficiency of products available on the GB market by phasing out the least efficient air-vented, gas-fired and condenser tumble dryers from the market and ensuring that only the most efficient heat-pump tumble dryers are available for consumers, thereby reducing domestic energy consumption, carbon emissions and consumer energy bills.

- Support a circular economy

To support a circular economy, the proposed new measures would enhance product durability, reparability, and end-of-life management. The proposed requirements to ensure the availability of spare parts and supply repair and maintenance documentation aim to provide long-term benefits for both consumers and the environment by improving product lifetimes and reducing unnecessary waste.

- Improve consumer information

Our labelling proposals will ensure that consumers are presented with clear and relevant information on energy efficiency, reparability and resource efficiency, enabling them to make informed purchasing decisions and encouraging them towards the most efficient products available on the market. ; Consumer information, labelling; Protection of the environment; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade

8. Relevant documents:

Link to the consultation page, draft SI and Options Paper can be found:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/raising-product-standards-for-household-tumble-dryers>

9. Proposed date of adoption: Late Autumn 2025

Proposed date of entry into force: Spring 2026 (eco-design)

Autumn 2026 (energy labelling)

10. Provision of comments

Final date for comments: 16 September 2025

[X] 60 days from notification

Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:

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