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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: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Nuclear Regulatory Commission [2273]
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): Nuclear power plant engineering standards; Nuclear power plants. Safety (ICS code(s): 27.120.20)
5.	Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Approval of American Society of Mechanical Engineers Unconditioned Code Cases; (3 page(s), in 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/USA/25_06460_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: Proposed rule - The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its regulations to incorporate by reference a regulatory guide that approves unconditioned code cases published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). This action would allow nuclear power plant applicants and licensees to use the code cases as voluntary alternatives to engineering standards for nuclear power plant components. These standards are set forth in the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and ASME Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants, which are currently incorporated by reference into the NRC's regulations. The NRC is requesting comments on this proposed rule.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety; Cost saving and productivity enhancement
8.	Relevant documents: 90 Federal Register (FR) 28406, 26 September 2025; Title 30 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 50 : https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-09-26/html/2025-18768.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-09-26/pdf/2025-18768.pdf This proposed rule is identified by Docket Number NRC-2024-0163. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NRC-2024-

<p>0163/document and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from Regulations.gov by searching the Docket Number.</p> <p>Approval of American Society of Mechanical Engineers Unconditioned Code Cases, Direct Final Rule published 26 September 2025 will be notified as Add.1:</p> <p>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-09-26/html/2025-18769.htm</p> <p>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-09-26/pdf/2025-18769.pdf</p>
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined</p>
<p>10. Provision of comments</p> <p>Final date for comments: 25 November 2025</p> <p>[] 60 days from notification</p> <p>WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point by or before 4pm Eastern Time on 25 November 2025. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with NRC and will also be submitted to the Docket on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.</p> <p>Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:</p> <p>Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov</p>