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## **Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

## **NOTIFICATION**

## Revision

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u>
If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

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 [ ], 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): Unlicensed use of the 6 GHz band; Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Radiocommunications (ICS code(s): 33.060); Mobile services (ICS code(s): 33.070)
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Unlicensed Use of the 6 GHz Band; and Expanding Flexible Use in Mid-Band Spectrum Between 3.7 and 24 GHz; (22 page(s), in English)
- 6. **Description of content:** Proposed rule In this <u>document</u>, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) explores additional steps it could take and rules it could modify to provide more utility for very low power (VLP) unlicensed devices. Specifically, the Commission seeks comment on permitting higher power VLP devices under a two-tiered system where those higher powered devices would be permitted to operate only in locations where the potential for causing harmful interference to incumbent operations remains insignificant. The Commission's decision provides a balance between accommodating these new and novel devices to deliver innovative applications to the American public now and taking a judicious approach toward modifying the rules to provide even more robust use at most locations. The Commission also seeks comment on VLP device requirements and limits for operation in the U-NII-6 (6.425-6.525 GHz) and U-NII-8 (6.875-7.125 GHz) bands.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Quality requirements; Harmonization; Cost saving and productivity enhancement

## 8. Relevant documents:

89 Federal Register (FR) 14015, 26 February 2024; <u>Title 47 Code of Federal Regulations</u> (CFR) Part 15:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-02-26/html/2023-28620.htm

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-02-26/pdf/2023-28620.pdf

https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-23-86A1.pdf

This proposed rule is identified by <u>ET Docket No. 18-295</u> and <u>GN Docket No. 17-183</u>; <u>FCC 23-86</u>. The Docket Folders are available on the FCC's website (links above) and provide access to associated documents. Comments are accessible from the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/results?q=(%22Expanding%20Flexible%20Use%20in%20Mid-Band%20Spectrum%20Between%203.7%20and%2024%20GHz%22">https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/results?q=(%22Expanding%20Flexible%20Use%20in%20Mid-Band%20Spectrum%20Between%203.7%20and%2024%20GHz%22</a>). Comments are due on or before 27 March 2024 and reply comments are due on or before 26 April 2024. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the <u>USA TBT Enquiry Point</u> by or before 4pm <u>Eastern Time</u> on 26 April 2024. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the FCC and will also be submitted to the <u>ECFS</u> if received within the comment period.

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Final date for comments: 26 April 2024

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

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