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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) [2060] 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): Video conferencing; IT terminal and other peripheral equipment (ICS code(s): 35.180); Interface and interconnection equipment (ICS code(s): 35.200)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Access to Video Conferencing; (15 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: Proposed rule - In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) proposes to amend its rules to ensure that interoperable video conferencing services (IVCS) are accessible to people with disabilities and to facilitate the integration and appropriate use of telecommunications relay services (TRS) with video conferencing. These amendments are proposed to meet the need for people with disabilities to participate fully in video conferences, a technology that appears to have permanently altered the norms of modern communication in the workplace, healthcare, education, social interaction, and civic life.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Quality requirements

8. Relevant documents:

88 Federal Register (FR) 52088, 7 August 2023; Title 47 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 14 and 64:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-08-07/html/2023-16672.htm>

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<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-23-50A1.pdf>

The full text of the proposed rule is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/edocs/search-results?t=quick&dockets=23-161>. This proposed rule is identified by CG Docket No. 23-161, 10-213, 03-123 or FCC 23-50. For detailed instructions for submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see document FCC 23-50 at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-23-50A1.pdf>. Documents are also accessible from the FCC's [Electronic Document Management System \(EDOCS\)](#) by searching the CG Docket Number. Comments are due on or before 6 September 2023; reply comments are due on or before 6 October 2023. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](#) by or before [4pm Eastern Time](#) on 6 October 2023. 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 Electronic Comment Filing System \(ECFS\)](#) if received within the comment period.

[G/TBT/N/USA/1865/Add.1](#) - Interoperable Video Conferencing Service; Access to Video Conferencing; Final Rule

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Final date for comments: 6 October 2023

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/2023/TBT/USA/23_11576_00_e.pdf

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/TBT/USA/23_11576_01_e.pdf