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**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade** 

## 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 (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
- 2. Agency responsible: Federal Communications Commission (FCC) [1796]

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: <u>usatbtep@nist.gov</u>

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Radar sensors in 60 GHz band; Domestic safety (ICS 13.120), Radiocommunications (ICS 33.060), Mobile services (ICS 33.070)
- 5. **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** FCC Seeks To Enable State-of-the-Art Radar Sensors in 60 GHz Band (12 page(s), in English)
- 6. Description of content: Proposed rule In this document, the Commission proposes to revise the Commission's rules to provide expanded operational flexibility to unlicensed field disturbance sensor (FDS) devices (e.g., radars) that operate in the 57-64 GHz band (60 GHz band). The Commission's proposal recognizes the increasing practicality of using mobile radar devices in the 60 GHz band to perform innovative and life-saving functions, including gesture control, detection of unattended children in vehicles, and monitoring of vulnerable medical patients, and it is designed to stimulate the development of new products and services in a wide variety of areas to include, for example, personal safety, autonomous vehicles, home automation, environmental control, and healthcare monitoring, while also ensuring coexistence among unlicensed FDS devices and current and future unlicensed communications devices in the 60 GHz band.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety
- 8. Relevant documents:

86 Federal Register (FR) 46661, 19 August 2021; Title 47 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 15: <u>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-08-19/html/2021-16637.pdf</u> <u>16637.htm</u> <u>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-08-19/pdf/2021-16637.pdf</u>

The filings associated with this action are available online from the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/filings?proceedings\_name=21-264">https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/filings?proceedings\_name=21-264</a>. The full-text of the

Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in ET Docket No. 21-264, FCC 21-83, adopted on 13 July 2021 and released on 14 July 2021 is available for public inspection and can be downloaded at <a href="https://www.fcc.qov/document/fcc-seeks-enable-state-art-radar-sensors-60-ghz-band-0">https://www.fcc.qov/document/fcc-seeks-enable-state-art-radar-sensors-60-ghz-band-0</a>, or by using the search function for ET.

WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the <u>USA TBT</u> <u>Enquiry Point</u>. Comments received within the comment period will be submitted to the FCC at <u>https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings</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: 20 September 2021; Comments are due on or before 20 September 2021; reply comments are due on or before 18 October 2021.

## 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/2021/TBT/USA/21\_5367\_00\_e.pdf