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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 7 November 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the <u>United States of America</u>.

Title: National Standards Strategy for Critical and Emerging Technology

Reason for Addendum:	
[X]	Comment period changed - date: 22 December 2023; 88 Federal Register (FR) 76187: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-11-06/html/2023-24444.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-11-06/pdf/2023-24444.pdf
[]	Notified measure adopted - date:
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[]	Text of final measure available from ¹ :
[]	Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date: Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:
[]	Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from ¹ : New deadline for comments (if applicable):
[]	Interpretive guidance issued and text available from ¹ :
[]	Other:

Description: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is extending the period for submitting comments to support the development of an implementation plan for the United States Government National Standards Strategy for Critical and Emerging Technology (<u>USG NSSCET</u>) until 22 December 2023. In a Request for Information (RFI) that published in the Federal Register on 7 September 2023, NIST requested information on behalf of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Government to support the development of an implementation plan for the United States Government National Standards Strategy for Critical and Emerging Technology (USG NSSCET). The USG NSSCET is intended to support and complement existing private sector-led activities and plans, including the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) United States Standards Strategy (USSS), with a focus on critical and emerging technology(ies) (CET). The USG NSSCET reinforces the U.S. Government's support of a private sector-led, open, consensus-based international standards system, corresponding to the World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee decision that articulates and elaborates on principles that are fundamental to the development of an international standards: transparency; openness; impartiality and consensus;

¹ This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

effectiveness and relevance; and coherence. To inform the USG NSSCET implementation, including how to best partner with relevant stakeholders, NIST is requesting information that will support the identification and prioritization of key activities that will optimize the USG NSSCET implementation and further enhance the U.S. Government's ability to support a private sector-led, open, consensus-based international standards system, to which the U.S. Government is an active stakeholder and participant.

Comments must be received by <u>11:59pm Eastern Time</u> on 22 December 2023. Comments received after 6 November 2023 and before publication of this notice are deemed to be timely. Submissions received after 22 December 2023 may not be considered. Those who have already submitted comments need not resubmit.

This notice; extension of comment period and previous actions are identified by Docket Number Folder NIST-2023-0005. The Docket is available from Regulations.gov https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NIST-2023-0005/document and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from Regulations.gov by searching the Docket Number. 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 22 December 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 **Docket** on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.