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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 (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) [1452] 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 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Nuclear power plant engineering; Nuclear energy engineering (ICS 27.120)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: American Society of Mechanical Engineers 2015-2017 Code Editions Incorporation by Reference (41 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its regulations to incorporate by reference the 2015 and 2017 Editions of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (BPV Code) and the 2015 and 2017 Editions of the ASME Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants, Division 1: OM: Section IST (OM Code), respectively, for nuclear power plants. The NRC is also proposing to incorporate by reference two revised ASME code cases. This action is in accordance with the NRC's policy to periodically update the regulations to incorporate by reference new editions of the ASME Codes and is intended to maintain the safety of nuclear power plants and to make NRC activities more effective and efficient.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the environment
8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">83 Federal Register (FR) 56156, 9 November 2018; Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 50. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined
10. Final date for comments: 23 January 2019
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/2018/TBT/USA/18_5958_00_e.pdf