NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **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) [1674]**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 [****],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****X],** **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):** Satellite orbital debris; Quality (ICS 03.120), Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Wastes (ICS 13.030), Radio relay and fixed satellite communications systems (ICS 33.060.30), Satellite (ICS 33.070.40), Space systems and operations (ICS 49.140) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Mitigation of Orbital Debris in the New Space Age (16 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Proposed rule - In this document, the Commission seeks comment through a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopted on 23 April 2020, on additional amendments to its rules related to satellite orbital debris mitigation. A related Final rule document, the Report and Order, which adopts amendments to the Commission's satellite orbital debris mitigation rules is published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 85 Federal Register (FR) 52455, 25 August 2020; Title 47 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 5, 25 and 97: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-08-25/html/2020-13184.htm><https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-08-25/pdf/2020-13184.pdf>Mitigation of Orbital Debris in the New Space Age, Final Rule published 25 August 2020: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-08-25/html/2020-13185.htm> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-08-25/pdf/2020-13185.pdf>The full-text of the Commission's Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM), IB Docket No. 18-313, FCC 20-54, adopted on 23 April 2020, and released on 24 April 2020, is available at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-20-54A1.pdf>Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before 9 October 2020 or for reply comments, by 9 November 2020. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) using the internet by accessing the ECFS, <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs>.Interested WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments on this proposed rule to the USA TBT Enquiry Point. 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  Commission's ECFS at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs> 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:** 9 October 2020 |
| **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/2020/TBT/USA/20_5401_00_e.pdf> |