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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.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Federal Communications Commission (FCC) [2266]
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], Other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Emergency alert systems; Domestic safety (ICS code(s): 13.120); Alarm and warning systems (ICS code(s): 13.320); Telecommunication systems (ICS code(s): 33.040); Radiocommunications (ICS code(s): 33.060); Mobile services (ICS code(s): 33.070)
5.	<b>Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access):</b> Modernization of the Nation's Alerting Systems; (13 page(s), in English), (39 page(s), in English) <b>Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request:</b> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/25_05693_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/25_05693_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/25_05693_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/25_05693_01_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Notice of proposed rulemaking - In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) begins a reexamination of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) from the ground up and seeks comment on whether fundamental changes could make these alerting systems more effective, efficient, and better able to serve the public's needs. EAS was introduced 31 years ago, and WEA was introduced 13 years ago, using the technology available at the time. The Commission seeks comment on what goals these alerting systems should aim to achieve, whether these systems are currently effective at achieving these goals, and what steps should be taken to modernize these systems to improve their usefulness and better leverage modern technology while minimizing burdens on stakeholders.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> National security requirements; Protection of human health or safety; Cost saving and productivity enhancement

**8. Relevant documents:**

90 Federal Register (FR) 41530, 26 August 2025; [Title 47](#) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts [10](#) and [11](#):

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-08-26/html/2025-16333.htm>

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<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-25-50A1.pdf>

This proposed rule is identified by [PS Docket No. 25-224](#), [FCC 25-50](#). The full text of the proposed rule is available from the Commission's website at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-25-50A1.pdf>. Comments will be accepted until 25 September 2025. Reply comments will be accepted until 10 October 2025.

FCC Proposes Modernization of the Nation's Alerting Systems: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-proposes-modernization-nations-alerting-systems>

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined

**10. Provision of comments**

**Final date for comments:** 10 October 2025

**[ ] 60 days from notification**

WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](#) by or before [4pm Eastern Time](#) on 10 October 2025. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with FCC and will also be submitted to the FCC's [Electronic Comment Filing System \(ECFS\)](#) if received within the comment period. Comments ("filings") associated with the rulemaking are accessible from ECFS at [https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/results?q=\(submissiontype.description:\(%22COMMENT%22\)\)+AND+proceedings.name:\(%2225-224%22\)\)](https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/results?q=(submissiontype.description:(%22COMMENT%22))+AND+proceedings.name:(%2225-224%22))).

**Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:**

Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: [usatbtep@nist.gov](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov)