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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: <u>PANAMA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: <i>Ministerio de la Presidencia (Ministry of the President's Office)</i> <i>Secretaria Nacional de Energía (National Energy Secretariat)</i> Address: Calle 50 y 74, Edificio 909, piso 11 Panamá, Panama Tel.: (+507) 527-9976 or 527-9955 Website: https://www.energia.gob.pa/ Email: infoenergia@energia.gob.pa 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: <i>Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias (Ministry of Trade and Industry)</i> <i>Dirección General de Normas y Tecnología Industrial (Directorate-General for Standards and Industrial Technology)</i> Vía Ricardo J. Alfaro, Edificio Plaza Edison, 3 Piso Panamá, Panama Tel.: (+507) 560-0716/560-0600, Ext. 5964 Email: dqnti@mici.gob.pa Website: https://www.mici.gob.pa/normalizacion-tecnica/consulta-publica
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Domestic refrigerating appliances (ICS code(s): 97.040.30)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: <i>Reglamento Centroamericano RTCA 97.01.81:22 PRODUCTOS ELÉCTRICOS. Refrigeradores y congeladores electrodomésticos. Especificaciones de eficiencia energética</i> (Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 97.01.81:22: Electrical products. Household refrigerators and freezers. Energy efficiency specifications) (16 pages, in Spanish)
6. Description of content: The notified Regulation establishes the maximum energy consumption levels, test method, conformity assessment procedure and labelling for household refrigerators and freezers operated using hermetic motor-driven compressors, which are manufactured or marketed in, or imported into, the States Parties. It applies to household refrigerators and refrigerator-freezers of up to 1,104 litres (39 cubic feet) and household freezers of up to 850 litres (30 cubic feet) operated using

	hermetic motor-driven compressors, which are manufactured or marketed in, or imported into, the States Parties.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:	Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection
8. Relevant documents:	1. 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 430, Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products. 2. AHAM HRF-1-2019, Energy and Internal Volume of Consumer Refrigeration Products. 3. CAN/CSA-C300-08, Energy performance and capacity of household refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, freezers, and wine chillers. 4. Mexican Official Standard NOM-015-ENER-2018, <i>Eficiencia energética de refrigeradores y congeladores electrodomésticos. Límites, métodos de prueba y etiquetado.</i>
9. Proposed date of adoption:	To be determined
	Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined
10. Final date for comments:	60 days from notification
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:	Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias Dirección General de Normas y Tecnología Industrial Vía Ricardo J. Alfaro, Calle El Paical, Edificio Plaza Edison, 3er Piso Panamá, Panama Tel.: (+507) 560 0716/(+507) 560 0600, Ext. 5968/5967 Email: ngenao@mici.gob.pa/ dlay@energia.gob.pa Website: www.mici.gob.pa https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/PAN/22_4953_00_s.pdf