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European Union - Eco-design requirements

China expressed concern with newly issued eco-design regulations on servers and data storage products, washing machines and washer dryers. China said that there is uncertainty about the scope of products covered, and that certain test methods are inconsistent with international standards established by IEC. Moreover, China said that specific requirements on spare parts delivery cannot be met by overseas manufacturers, and that the requirements can cause unnecessary trade obstacles and cost.

The European Union said that the notification gave a suitable period of time for comments from different stakeholders and that it included new circular economy requirements to improve the durability, operability and efficiency of the recycling process.