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NOTICE TO RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

This refers to the draft regulations distributed through the World Trade Organization – Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO-TBT) website (www.epingalert.org) from 01 to 07 April 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on six (6) the notified draft technical regulations from Ghana, India, and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/G/HA/33	Ghana	Date of Distribution: 04 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable	Rice cookers	The purpose of these Regulations is to promote the efficient use and conservation of energy in the country and mitigate related climate change by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) providing for <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. the enforcement of standards set out in the First Schedule and the minimum energy performance standards set out in Part One of the Second Schedule; II. the labelling of electric mains-operated rice cookers ; III. supplementary product information on electric mains-operated rice cookers; and IV. the registration of models of rice cookers in the Appliance Efficiency Register; and b) prohibiting the manufacture, importation, offer for sale, sale, storage, donation, disposal, installation or use of a rice cooker that does not meet the minimum energy performance standards set out in Part One of the Second Schedule.
G/TBT/N/G/HA/35	Ghana	Date of Distribution: 05 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable	Clothes washing machine	The purpose of these Regulations is to promote the efficient use and conservation of energy in the country and mitigate related climate change by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) providing for <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the enforcement of standards set out in the First Schedule and

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				<p>the minimum energy performance standards set out in Part One of the Second Schedule;</p> <p>ii. the labelling of electric mains-operated clothes washing;</p> <p>iii. supplementary product information on electric mains-operated clothes washing machines; and</p> <p>iv. the registration of models of clothes washing machines in the Appliance Efficiency Register; and</p> <p>b) prohibiting the manufacture, importation, offer for sale, sale, storage, donation, disposal, installation or use of a clothes washing machine that does not meet the minimum energy performance standards set out in Part One of the Second Schedule.</p>
G/TBT/N/G HA/40	Ghana	<p>Date of Distribution: 06 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable</p>	Improved biomass cookstoves	<p>The purpose of these Regulations is to promote the efficient use of improved biomass cookstoves in the country and mitigate related climate change by:</p> <p>a) providing for</p> <p>i) the enforcement of standards set out in the First Schedule and the minimum performance requirements set out in the Second Schedule;</p> <p>ii) the labelling of improved biomass cookstoves ;</p> <p>iii) supplementary product information on improved biomass cookstoves; and</p> <p>iv) the registration of models of improved biomass cookstoves in the Renewable Energy Product Register; and</p> <p>b) prohibiting the manufacture, importation, offer for sale, sale, storage, donation, disposal, installation or use of an improved biomass cookstove that does not meet the minimum performance requirements set out in the Second Schedule.</p>
G/TBT/N/G HA/41	Ghana	<p>Date of Distribution: 06 April 2023</p>	Electric kettles	<p>The purpose of these Regulations is to promote the efficient use and conservation of energy in the</p>

		Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable		country and mitigate related climate change by: a) providing for i) the enforcement of standards set out in the First Schedule and the minimum energy performance standards set out in Part One of the Second Schedule; ii) the labelling of electric mains-operated electric kettles; iii) supplementary information on electric mains-operated electric kettles and iv) the registration of models of electric kettles in the Appliance Efficiency Register; and b) prohibiting the manufacture, importation, offer for sale, sale, storage, donation, disposal, installation or use of an electric kettle that does not meet the minimum energy performance standards set out in Part One of the Second Schedule.
G/TBT/N/IND/248/Rev.1	India	Date of Distribution: 06 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 04 June 2023	Flame-producing lighters - Revision	A lighter is a portable device which creates a flame, and can be used to ignite a variety of items, such as cigarettes, gas lighter, fireworks, candles or campfires. It consists of a metal or plastic container filled with a flammable liquid or compressed gas, a means of ignition to produce the flame, and some provision for extinguishing the flame. Flame lighters are of two type one is for Cigarette, Cigar etc as per IS/ISO 9994:2018 and second is for domestic utility as per IS/ISO22702:2018.
G/TBT/N/USA/1215/Rev.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 03 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 May 2023	Refrigeration products - Revision	Notice of proposed rulemaking; announcement of public meeting via webinar on 2 May 2023 - The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including miscellaneous refrigeration products. EPCA also

				requires the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") to periodically determine whether more stringent, standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would result in significant energy savings. In this notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR"), DOE proposes amended energy conservation standards for miscellaneous refrigeration products, and also announces a public meeting to receive comment on these proposed standards and associated analyses and results.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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