

30 May 2023

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 20 to 26 May 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the five (5) notified draft technical regulations from three (3) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/USA/826/Rev.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 26 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 July 2023	Refrigerated beverage vending machines - Revision	The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended (EPCA), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including refrigerated bottled or canned beverage vending machines (BVMs). 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 (NPR), DOE proposes amended energy conservation standards for BVMs, and also announces a public meeting to receive comment on these proposed standards and associated analyses and results
G/TBT/N/CR/157/Add.1	Costa Rica	Date of Distribution: 22 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Refrigerators and freezers - Addendum	It is resolved to approve the Normative Equivalence between the Technical Standards CSA-C300-15 "Energy performance and capacity of household refrigerators, refrigerator freezers, freezers, and wine chillers" and RTCR 482:2015 Electrical products Refrigerators and Freezers Appliances

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- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
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G/TBT/N/C RI/157/Add .2	Costa Rica	Date of Distribution: 24 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Refrigerators and Freezers - Addendum	It is resolved to approve the Regulatory Equivalence between the ANSI/AHAM Technical Standards HRF-1-2008 "Energy and Internal Volume of Refrigerating Appliances" and RTCR 482:2015 Electrical Products Refrigerators and Freezers Appliances Operated by Motor Compressor Airtight. Energy Efficiency Specifications.
G/TBT/N/T PKM/523	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 26 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 July 2023	Freezers	At present, only upright freezers of which the storage volume does not exceed 400L are in the scope of mandatory inspection of BSMI. However, the storage volume of commercial upright freezers has increased. Upright freezers with storage volume not exceeding 700L become popular in the market. In addition to that, horizontal freezers are also getting popular among consumers recently. As a result of risk assessment, BSMI proposes to add upright and horizontal freezers with storage volume not exceeding 700L into the scope of legal inspection.
G/TBT/N/U SA/2003	United States	Date of Distribution: 25 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 10 July 2023	Substitute refrigerants; commercial and industrial refrigeration; commercial refrigerating appliances and commercial ice machines	Pursuant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Significant New Alternatives Policy program, this action proposes to list certain substances in the refrigeration and air conditioning sector. Specifically, EPA proposes to list several substitutes as acceptable, subject to use conditions, for retail food refrigeration, commercial ice machines, industrial process refrigeration, cold storage warehouses, and ice skating rinks.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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