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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 27 May to 02 June 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the five (5) notified draft technical regulations from Kingdom of Bahrain, Jordan, and United States:

| Document Symbol | Notifying Member | Relevant Dates | Products Covered | Summary |
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| G/TBT/N/BHR/643/Ad d.1 | Kingdom of Bahrain | Date of Distribution: 01 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated | Low capacity air-conditioners - Addendum | The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO members that the content of the WTO TBT Notification (G/TBT/N/BHR/643) related to updating the existing Technical Regulation on energy labelling and minimum energy performance requirements for small capacity Air-Conditioners in the Bahraini market, has been restricted to using SEER values on the labels only with a transitional period (grace period) of 18 months after being published in the national gazette, as per the request of the WTO members, local manufacturers and distributors, and notified bodies. |
| G/TBT/N/JOR/50 | Jordan | Date of Distribution: 31 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 01 August 2023 | Refrigerating appliances | 1. This Regulation establishes ecodesign requirements for the placing on the market of or the putting into service of electric mains-operated refrigerating appliances with a total volume of more than 10 litres and less than or equal to 1 500 litres. 2. This Regulation does not apply to: a. professional refrigerated storage cabinets and blast cabinets, with the exception of professional chest freezers; b. refrigerating appliances with a direct sales function; |

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| | | | | <p>c. mobile refrigerating appliances;</p> <p>d. appliances where the primary function is not the storage of foodstuffs through refrigeration.</p> |
| G/TBT/NU SA/305/Rev .1/Add.1 | United States | <p>Date of Distribution: 30 May 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p> | Clothes dryers, room air conditioners - Addendum | <p>The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including room air conditioners. 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 final rule, DOE is adopting amended energy conservation standards for room air conditioners. It has determined that the amended energy conservation standards for these products would result in significant conservation of energy, and are technologically feasible and economically justified.</p> |
| G/TBT/NU SA/873/Rev .1 | United States | <p>Date of Distribution: 02 June 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 19 September 2023</p> | Commercial and industrial electric motors - Revision | <p>The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including electric motors. In this document, DOE proposes amended energy conservation standards for electric motors identical to those set forth in a direct final rule published elsewhere in this Federal Register (refer to relevant documents for details). If DOE receives an adverse comment and determines that such comment may provide a</p> |

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| | | | | reasonable basis for withdrawing the direct final rule, DOE will publish a notice withdrawing the direct final rule and will proceed with this proposed rule. |
| G/TBT/N/US/1854/Add.1 | United States | Date of Distribution: 01 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 28 July 2023 | Pool heaters - Addendum | The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including consumer pool heaters. EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or "the Department") to periodically determine whether more- stringent, standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would result in significant energy savings. In this final rule, DOE is adopting new and amended energy conservation standards for consumer pool heaters. It has determined that the new and amended energy conservation standards for these products would result in significant conservation of energy, and are technologically feasible and economically justified. |

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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