

20 January 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 31 December 2022 to 06 January 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the four (4) notified draft technical regulations from Canada and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/CAN/687	Canada	Date of Distribution: 05 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 20 March 2023	Mercury-containing products	The proposed Regulations amending the Products Containing Mercury Regulations (the proposed Amendments) would make changes to the Products Containing Mercury Regulations (the Regulations) to align with the requirements under the Minamata Convention on Mercury. The Regulations, which came into force in 2015, prohibit the manufacture, import and sale of products containing mercury, with some exemptions for essential products which have no viable alternatives (for example lamps, certain health, safety and research applications and dental amalgam).
G/TBT/N/USA/571/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 05 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Hazardous materials - Addendum	This final rule corrects editorial errors and improves the clarity of certain provisions in PHMSA's program and procedural regulations and in the Hazardous Materials Regulations. The intended effect of this rulemaking is to enhance accuracy and reduce misunderstandings of the regulations. The amendments contained in this final rule are

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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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 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

				non-substantive changes and do not impose new requirements.
G/TBT/N/USA/963/Add.5	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 04 January 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Commercial warm air furnaces - 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 commercial warm air furnaces ("CWAFFs"). EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or "the Department") to periodically review standards to determine whether more-stringent, amended standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would result in significant additional energy savings. In the case of CWAFFs, DOE has determined that it lacks clear and convincing evidence that amended energy conservation standards would be economically justified. As such, in this final determination, DOE has determined not to amend the energy conservation standards for CWAFFs</p>
G/TBT/N/USA/1744/Add.1	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 04 January 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Transuranic waste and highway route controlled quantities of radioactive material - Addendum	<p>FMCSA amends its Hazardous Materials Safety Permits regulations to incorporate by reference the 1 April 2022, edition of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) handbook (the handbook) containing inspection procedures and Out-of-Service Criteria (OOSC) for the inspection of commercial motor vehicles used in the transportation of transuranic waste and highway route-controlled quantities of radioactive material. The OOSC provide enforcement personnel nationwide, including FMCSA's State partners, with uniform enforcement tolerances for</p>

				these inspections. Through this rule, FMCSA incorporates by reference the 1 April 2022, edition of the handbook.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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