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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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 20 to 26 May 2023.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IND/265</a>	India	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 23 May 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 July 2023	Cast iron products	Cast iron products under consideration are manhole covers, Cast iron pipe, Malleable iron fittings, and Grey iron castings. Cast iron, an alloy of iron that contains 2 to 4 percent carbon, along with varying amounts of silicon (up to 3 percent) and manganese and traces of impurities such as sulfur and phosphorus. Cast iron is highly preferred for its casting ability into complex shapes when molten and its low cost. It is the favoured choice over steel because of its compressive strength, excellent vibration dampening, corrosion resistance, wear-resistance and ease of machining capability. Different types of cast irons are produced using different process and heat treatment techniques.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IND/269</a>	India	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 May 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 24 July 2023	Miscellaneous Steel Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Bar/wire Wrapped Steel Cylinder Pipes with mortar lining: A welded steel sheet cylinder, which may be with steel socket and spigot rings welded to its ends for rubber ring joints or with steel rings welded to its ends for welded joints, lined with cement mortar centrifugally applied within the steel cylinder and spigot ring, with reinforcement consisting of continuous steel bar/wire helically wound around the outside of the</li> </ul>

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			<p>cylinder and securely fastened by welding to the steel socket and spigot/ joint rings, and subsequently coated with dense cement mortar covering the steel cylinder and bar/wires except for necessarily exposed socket and spigot joints rings. Machinery required to produce these pipes includes Steel Tube mill, drainage filter wrapping plant, bale pre-processing unit, blending unit, fleece laying unit, drainage wrapping unit, and roll up unit etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High strength deformed stainless steel bars and wires for concrete reinforcement: The steel bars/ wires for concrete reinforcement are manufactured by the process of hot rolling followed by a suitable method of cold working and or in-line controlled cooling.</li> <li>• Steel Pipe Flanges: Forged flanges are manufactured by heating steel billets, slabs, or other metal stock, then compressing the material using a power hammer, press, or die to shape the flange from a solid state. This process develops a continuous grain flow for improved strength.</li> <li>• Stainless steel tubes for the food and beverage industry: There are three main methods of manufacturing stainless steel tubes i.e. Seamless, Electric resistant welded (ERW) and Drawn over mandrel (DOM) process. Seamless steel tubes are produced through extrusion. Extruded tubes can be formed in a hot or cold process. Electric resistant welded method involves passing a rolled sheet of steel through two weld rollers. The weld rollers have a groove around their circumference, through which the steel roll</li> </ul>
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				<p>passes. There is a contact at the roll seam that transmits electricity at a high enough current to weld the seam closed. The resulting weld is very small. In Drawn over mandrel (DOM) process, a mandrel is a small piece of metal inserted into the tube to define a shape. It gives the tube extra support to prevent unwanted wrinkling during drawing. The tube is passed through a die that has a smaller diameter than the current tube size. As the tube is drawn, it shrinks to match the size of the die's diameter. This process allows for tight tolerances and specifications.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ND/267</a>	India	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 25 May 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 23 July 2023</p>	Hand tools	<p>Hand Tools (Quality Control) Order, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A hand tool is any tool that is powered by hand rather than a motor. Categories of hand tools include wrenches, pliers, cutters, files, striking tools, hammered tools, screwdrivers, vises, clamps, snips, hacksaws, drills, and knives etc.</li> <li>• A wrench is a common hand tool used to tighten or loosen nuts and bolts, generally made from a chrome-plated steel alloy. Every wrench has two parts: the head, and the handle. Wrenches are categorized based on the shape of their ends. The most commonly used types of wrenches are open-end wrenches, box wrenches, pipe wrenches, single-ended open-jaw adjustable wrenches, open ended slugging wrenches etc.</li> <li>• A plier is a small pincer for holding small objects or for bending and cutting wire</li> </ul>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ND/268</a>	India	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 May 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b></p>	Door Fittings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A door closer is a mechanical device that closes a door in a controlled manner, preventing it from slamming, in general after someone opens it. It could be</li> </ul>

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Thank you.

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