

01 August 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 22 to 28 July 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the four (4) notified draft technical regulations from three (3) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NT/PKM/528	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 27 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 September 2023	Dehumidifiers	With a view to enhancing the efficiency of energy use, the Bureau of Energy intends to modify the minimum energy performance standards and energy efficiency rating labelling requirements.
G/TBT/NA/US/158	Australia	Date of Distribution: 25 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 22 September 2023	Freestanding storage furniture products	The proposed Consumer Goods (Toppling Furniture) Information Standard 2023 contains requirements for certain freestanding storage furniture products to include safety information about the hazards associated with furniture toppling and how to reduce the likelihood of an incident by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • affixing a permanent warning label to the furniture • providing safety information in the manual and/or assembly instructions highlighting the risk of toppling and the importance of anchoring, and • providing warnings about toppling hazards at point of sale in-store and online.

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- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
 - National Enquiry Point (NEP)
 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

G/TBT/N/US/907/Rev.1/Add.1	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 28 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Dehumidifiers - Addendum	The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is amending its test procedure for dehumidifiers to reference the current version of an applicable industry standard; change the rating test period to be two hours; permit the use of sampling trees in conjunction with an aspirating psychrometer or relative humidity sensor; and provide additional specification for testing dehumidifiers with network capabilities. This rulemaking fulfills DOE's obligation to review its test procedures for covered products at least once every seven years.
G/TBT/N/US/1817/Rev.1/Add.1	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 28 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Dishwashers - Addendum	In this final rule, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is adding clarifying instructions to the dishwasher test procedure regarding the allowable dosing options for each type of detergent; clarifying the existing detergent reporting requirements; and adding an enforcement provision for dishwashers to specify the detergent and dosing method that DOE would use for any enforcement testing of dishwasher models certified in accordance with the currently applicable dishwasher test procedure prior to 17 July 2023 (i.e., the date by which the dishwasher test procedure as amended by a final rule published on 18 January 2023 will be mandatory for product testing).

To access the notification form, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink. Should you have any queries on this matter or request for full text of draft regulation in English, please do not hesitate to email us at BPS@dti.gov.ph copy bps.smd@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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