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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 01 to 07 July 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulation from Canada:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NC/AN/702	Canada	Date of Distribution: 05 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 September 2023	Laser products	<p>The requirements of the Radiation Emitting Device Regulations (Regulations) have not changed substantively in over 30 years. Proposed changes to the Regulations would include new provisions to replace the existing radiation protection requirements for laser scanners and demonstration lasers with modern requirements appropriate for the broad scope of laser products available to Canadians today, and proportional to their level of hazard. The proposed amendments would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · extend the proposed requirements to all laser devices, rather than just demonstration lasers and laser scanners (with the exception of medical devices, those products already excluded from the scope of the IEC 60825-1: 2014 standard, and those products excluded from the scope of the Radiation Emitting Devices Act) · align the Regulations laser radiation safety requirements with an international standard for laser products by adopting specific sections of IEC 60825-1: 2014 · introduce the IEC classification system for "laser products" that ranks devices according to their degree of hazard

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · establish testing methods and rules to determine accessible emission levels and assign laser products to a particular hazard class · require built-in engineering safety features that are appropriate for the laser class to manage exposure to hazardous levels of radiation · establish labelling requirements and accompanying information to support compliance monitoring, verification, and enforcement activities (e.g., requiring specific details to uniquely identify laser products and their manufacturing origins) and help individuals who are purchasing, operating, and servicing laser products to make more-informed decisions
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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