

16 April 2024

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 30 March to 05 April 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the five (5) notified draft technical regulations from three (3) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/EGY/362/Add.1	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 04 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Fluorocarbon, hydrocarbon, and carbon dioxide refrigerants - Addendum	This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No.502/2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 8403 for "Specifications for refrigerants" (38 page(s), in Arabic). It should be noted that the draft of this standard was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/362 dated 19 June 2023. Worth mentioning is that this standard is technically identical with modification with AHRI Standard 700/2019. Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian standards through the publication of administrative orders in the official gazette.
G/TBT/N/GBR/67/Add.1	United Kingdom	Date of Distribution: 02 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Hazardous chemical substances - Addendum	The Ministerial decision, made with consent of the Devolved Governments (Scottish and Welsh Government Ministers), was adopted on 2 February 2024, published on 2 March 2024, and enters into force on 2 March 2024 (voluntary), 2 September 2025 (mandatory). The classification (Article 15 of the GB CLP Regulation) and labelling (Article 30 of the GB CLP Regulation) of the new/revised GB MCLs for the 25 substances should be reviewed and updated by duty holders without undue delay. Compliance with the amended 25 GB MCLs must be completed by 2 September 2025.
G/TBT/N/USA/1850/Add.3	United States	Date of Distribution: 04 April 2024	Chrysotile asbestos - Addendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) is issuing this final rule under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to address to the extent necessary the unreasonable risk of

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- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
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 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

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G/TBT/NU SA/1994/A dd.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 05 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Ethylene production - Addendum	Final action; reconsideration of final rule - On 6 July 2020, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) finalized the residual risk and technology review (RTR) conducted for the Ethylene Production source category, which is part of the Generic Maximum Achievable Control Technology Standards National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP); on 7 July 2020, the EPA finalized the RTR conducted for the Organic Liquids Distribution (Non-Gasoline) NESHAP; and on 12 August 2020, the EPA finalized the RTR conducted for the Miscellaneous Organic Chemical Manufacturing NESHAP. Amendments to the Petroleum Refinery Sector NESHAP were most recently finalized on 4 February 2020. Subsequently, the EPA received and granted various petitions for reconsideration on these NESHAP for, among other things, the provisions related to the work practice standards for pressure relief devices (PRDs), emergency flaring, and degassing of floating roof storage vessels. This action finalizes proposed amendments to remove the force majeure exemption for PRDs and emergency flaring, incorporate clarifications for the degassing requirements for floating roof storage vessels, and address other corrections and clarifications.
G/TBT/NE GY/461	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 04 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 02 June 2024	Electronic devices used in electronic smoking systems	The Ministerial Decree No. 502 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 8403 which deals with the safety of appliances for generation of directly inhalable aerosols, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and other appliances including direct current (DC) supplied appliances and battery-operated appliances. Worth mentioning is that this standard has been formulated according to National Studies.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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