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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 09 to 22 March 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the three (3) notified draft technical regulations from Egypt and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/E/GY/449</a>	Egypt	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 11 March 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 09 May 2024	Terracotta building products: vitrified clay liner plates	The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 41-1 that establishes the criteria for the acceptance of vitrified clay liner plates used to protectively line or face pipe, culverts, abutments, structures, or appurtenances. Linear plates manufactured shall be known as curved liner plates or flat liner plates. These plates shall be manufactured from fire clay, shale, surface clay, or a combination of these materials that, when formed into liner plates and fired to suitable temperatures, yield a product that is strong, durable, serviceable, and free of objectionable defects. The absorption of liner plates shall not exceed 6%. The liner plates shall be subjected to acid resistance test. These liner plates shall be uniformly vitrified throughout their thickness and have a homogeneous structural texture. Worth mentioning is that this standard adopts the technical content of ASTM C479-2017(2022)
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/E/GY/458</a>	Egypt	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 12 March 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 10 May 2024	Prestressed bearers for switches and crossings with a maximum length of 8.5 m	This draft Standard defines additional technical criteria and control procedures as well as specific tolerance limits related to manufacturing and testing prestressed bearers for switches and crossings with a maximum length of 8.5 m. Worth mentioning is that this draft standard is technically identical with EN 13230-4:2016+A1: 2020.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/U/SA/1384/A dd.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b>	Residential garage door	In June 2023, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) under the Consumer Product

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		18 March 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 15 April 2024	operators - Addendum	Safety Improvement Act of 1990 (Improvement Act) approved changes to the entrapment protection provisions in UL standard UL 325 for inclusion in the Commission's safety regulation for automatic residential garage door operators. This direct final rule is amending the Commission's automatic residential garage door operators regulation to reflect these changes. The rule is effective on 13 May 2024, unless CPSC receives significant adverse comments by 15 April 2024. If CPSC receives timely significant adverse comments, it will publish a notification in the Federal Register withdrawing this direct final rule before its effective date.
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Sincerely,

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