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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 23 to 29 March 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Argentina and Thailand:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/ARG/344/Add.7	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 26 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Construction products - Addendum	Please be advised that, pursuant to Under-Secretariat for Trade Policy and Management (SSPYGC) Provision No. 1/2024, Article 1 of National Technical Regulation Directorate (DNRT) Provision No. 20/23, which provides for the initiation of the implementation stages described in Point 6 of Annex I to Secretariat of Domestic Trade (SCI) Resolution No. 910/2021: Specific Technical Regulation establishing the labelling and technical quality and safety requirements to be met by products identified as ceramic flags and tiles that are marketed in the Argentine Republic (G/TBT/N/ARG/344/Add.6), is superseded by a new Article 1, amending in particular the enforcement period foreseen for the second implementation stage, described in Point 6.3. "Certification" of Annex I to the aforementioned Resolution, and which now states that this second stage will begin on 30 January 2024, and thus the obligations laid down therein will become enforceable as of 28 July 2024.
G/TBT/N/THA/729	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 28 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 26 May 2024	Escalators and moving walks	The draft Ministerial Regulation mandates escalators and moving walks to conform to the Thai Industrial Standard TIS 3778 Part 1-25XX (20XX) Safety Requirement for Escalators and Moving Walks Part 1: Global Essential Safety Requirements (GESR). This standard specifies Global Essential Safety Requirements (GESR) for escalators and moving walks, their components and functions, and establishes a system and provides methods for minimizing safety risks that might arise in the course of the operation and use of, or work on, escalators and moving walks.

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				<p>This standard applies to escalators and moving walks that are intended to carry persons.</p> <p>This standard does not cover all needs of users with disabilities, and risks arising from work on escalators and moving walks under construction and during alterations and dismantling, vandalism, and fire in the environment outside the Load Carrying Unit (LCU).</p>
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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