

12 February 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 27 January to 02 February 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the five (5) notified draft technical regulations from Ecuador and Egypt:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/E/CU/423/Add.3</a>	Ecuador	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 01 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Mechanical and electromechanical door locks - Addendum	The Republic of Ecuador hereby advises that Ecuadorian Standardization Service Technical Regulation RTE INEN 166 (1R) "Mechanical and electromechanical door locks", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/423/Add. 1 of 22 October 2021, and Amendment No. 1 thereto, notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/423/Add. 2 of 1 November 2021, have been suspended and declared null and void.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/E/GY/3/Add.63</a>	Egypt	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 30 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Chemical, textile and engineering products - Addendum	This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 1425 "multilayer board" (16 pages, in Arabic). It should be noted that the draft of this standard was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/3/Add.51 dated 14 December 2022. Worth mentioning is that this standard has been formulated according to National Studies.

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

<a href="#">G/TBT/NE GY/111/Ad d.2</a>	Egypt	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 30 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Ceramic tiles - Addendum	This addendum concerns the notification on the Ministerial Decree No.499/2023 (4 page, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 3168-3 "Ceramic tiles -part 3: extruded ceramic tiles " (45 pages, in Arabic) It should be noted that the Ministerial Decree No. 692/2015 (3 pages, in Arabic) which was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/111 dated 4 December 2015 mandated among others the earlier version of this Standard and its draft was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/111/Add. 1 dated 21 February 2023.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NE GY/112/Ad d.2</a>	Egypt	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 30 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Ceramic tiles - Addendum	This addendum concerns the notification on the Ministerial Decree No. 499/2023 (4 page, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by Egyptian standard ES 3168-2" Ceramic tiles - part 2: Dry Pressed Ceramic Tile "(39 pages, in Arabic). This standard cancels and supersedes its last edition in 2015.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NE GY/370/Ad d.1</a>	Egypt	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 30 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Thermal and sound insulating materials - 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 5570 for ""Thermal insulation products for buildings -

				Factory made mineral wool (MW) products - Specification " (43 pages, in Arabic). It should be noted that the draft of this standard was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/370 dated 13 October 2023. Worth mentioning is that this standard is technically identical with EN 13162:2012+A1:2015.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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