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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 30 December 2023 to 05 January 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the five (5) notified draft technical regulations from four (4) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/NU/SA/521/Rev.2</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 26 February 2024	Manufactured housing - Revision	The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to establish enforcement procedures for its energy conservation standards for manufactured housing. DOE recently amended the compliance date for these standards in a final rule to delay compliance. DOE delayed the compliance date to allow DOE more time for this rulemaking to establish enforcement procedures that provide clarity for manufacturers and other stakeholders regarding DOE's expectations of manufacturers and DOE's plans for enforcing the standards.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/K/WT/664</a>	The State of Kuwait	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 04 March 2024	Portland cement	This Kuwaiti mandatory covers eight types of Portland cement: type I, type IA, type II, type IIA, type III, type IIIA, type IV, and type V. The cement covered by this specification shall only contain the following ingredients: Portland cement clinker; water or calcium sulfate, or both; limestone; processing additions; and air-entraining addition for air-entraining Portland cement. Portland cement of each of the eight types must have the following chemical compositions: aluminum oxide, ferric oxide, magnesium oxide, sulfur trioxide, tricalcium silicate, dicalcium silicate, tricalcium

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				aluminate, and tetracalcium aluminoferrite.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/K WT/665</a>	The State of Kuwait	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 04 March 2024	Specification for masonry units : autoclaved aerated concrete masonry units	This Kuwaiti mandatory specifies the characteristics and performance requirements of autoclaved aerated concrete (AAC) masonry units for which the main intended uses are different types of load bearing and non-load bearing applications in all forms of walling including single leaf, cavity, partitions, retaining, basement and general use below ground level, including walling for fire protection, thermal insulation, sound insulation and the fabric of chimneys (excluding chimney flue units).which was amendment with annex D.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/L TU/49/Add. 1</a>	Lithuania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Verification of constancy of performance of construction products - Addendum	Draft Order of the Minister for Environment of the Republic of Lithuania amending the Order No D1-901 of the Minister for Environment of the Republic of Lithuania of 10 December 2015 approving the Technical Construction Regulation STR 1.01.04:2015 „Assessment, verification of constancy of performance of construction products for which there are no harmonized technical specifications and declaration of performance of such products. Designation of testing laboratories and certification bodies. National Technical Assessments and designation and notification of Technical Assessment Bodies" (STR 1.01.04:2015) (hereinafter referred to as Draft Order)
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IS R/1126/Ad d.1</a>	Israel	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Prefabricated concrete products for paving - Addendum	The revision process of SI 8, dealing with prefabricated concrete products for paving as a Mandatory Standard, was revoked on 21 December 2023. The requirements of this standard were declared voluntary on 29 November 2023. Therefore, it does not affect trade and should not be notified or followed.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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