

11 January 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 December 2023 to 05 January 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the ten (10) notified draft technical regulations from eight (8) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/VN/M/287	Viet Nam	Date of Distribution: 05 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 04 March 2024	Gymnastic equipment	This draft Technical regulation stipulates limits for the technical specifications and safety management requirements for gymnastic equipment used in training and competition facilities (HS code 9506.91.00) (listed in the list of products and goods as prescribed in Appendix 1 issued by Circular No. 31/2022/TT-BTC dated June 8, 2022) This draft technical regulation applies to: (i) Organizations and individuals that produce, import, distribute and retail gymnastic equipment, state management agencies, related organizations and individuals; and (ii) Testing organizations and conformity certification organizations that assess and certify gymnastic equipment within the territory of Vietnam
G/TBT/N/VN/M/288	Viet Nam	Date of Distribution: 05 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 04 March 2024	Stationary training equipments	This draft technical regulation stipulates safety requirements for on-site stationary training equipment, corresponding testing methods and quality management requirements for domestically produced, imported and circulating on the market on-site stationary training equipment, with HS codes of regulation specified in Table 1. This draft technical regulation does not apply to stationary

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				<p>training equipment intended for unprotected outdoor use.</p> <p>This draft technical regulation applies to organizations and individuals that manufacture, import, distribute and sell on-site stationary exercise equipment, government administrative agencies and other related organizations and individuals; and testing and certification organizations that evaluate and certify on-site stationary training equipment in the territory of Vietnam.</p>
G/TBT/N/USA/508/Rev.1/Add.1	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 05 January 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 10 January 2024</p>	Water heaters, pool heaters - Addendum	<p>The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including consumer water heaters. On 28 July 2023, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or "the Department") proposed amended energy conservation standards for certain consumer water heaters, including circulating water heaters, along with supporting definitions. In this supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking ("SNOPR") DOE proposes to amend the definition for circulating water heaters and clarify that circulating water heaters would be subject to the proposed energy conservation standards for storage-type water heaters. DOE requests comment on these proposed definitions.</p>
G/TBT/N/UKR/238/Add.1	Ukraine	<p>Date of Distribution: 05 January 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Household refrigerating appliances - Addendum	<p>Ukraine notifies the adoption of the Order of the Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine No. 796 "On Approval of the Technical Regulation for Energy Labelling of Refrigerating Appliances" of 08 September 2023.</p>
G/TBT/N/UKR/260/Add.1	Ukraine	<p>Date of Distribution: 04 January 2024</p>	Household dishwashers - Addendum	<p>Ukraine notifies the adoption of the Order of the Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine No. 795 "On Approval of</p>

		Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated		the Technical Regulation for Energy Labelling of Household Dishwashers" of 08 September 2023.
G/TBT/N/SG/P/70/Add.1	Singapore	Date of Distribution: 04 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Mandatory energy labelling : portable air-conditioners - Addendum	On 26 June 2023, the National Environment Agency notified the WTO via G/TBT/N/SGP/70 of the proposed amendments to Singapore's Mandatory Energy Labelling Scheme (MELS) and Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS). This addendum seeks to notify Members that the measures that will enter into force in 2024, viz.: (a) the extension of MEPS and MELS to portable air-conditioners from 1 April 2024; (b) the revision of MEPS and MELS for regulated lamps and extension of these requirements to more lamp types from 1 April 2024; (c) the extension of MEPS and standby power requirements to televisions (with resolution less than 33,177,600 pixels) from 1 April 2024; and (d) the revision of test standards applicable for new and renewal registrations in line with latest editions of international standards from 1 January 2024, have been finalised and published as the Energy Conservation (Prescribed Regulated Goods) (Amendment) Order 2023 and the Energy Conservation (Regulated Goods and Registered Suppliers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.
G/TBT/N/KOR/1143/Add.1	Republic of Korea	Date of Distribution: 05 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Dishwashers, portable air conditioners, computers, multi-function printers, pumps, tublar LED lamps using external converter, air purifiers, electric cold-hot water suppliers, dehumidifiers ,[...]boxes,	Proposed date of entry into force: o 1 April 2024 (Clothes dryer) o 1 July 2024 (electric cold-hot water suppliers, dehumidifiers, set-top boxes) o 1 January 2025 (air purifiers , Dishwashers, Portable air conditioners, Pumps, Tublar LED lamps using external converter, Computers, Multi-function printers)

			clothes dryer - Addendum	
G/TBT/N/PH/L/320	Philippines	Date of Distribution: 05 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 15 January 2024	Toys	The proposed issuance aims to update existing regulations for toys and childcare articles on licensing, notification, and labelling requirements under DOH AO No. 2009-005, FDA Circular 2015-002, and Republic Act No. 10620, respectively.
G/TBT/N/CH/N/1788	China	Date of Distribution: 05 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Household and similar electrical appliances	This document specifies the following issues on China Compulsory Certification (CCC) of of electric toilet appliances (including electrical equipment used in conjunction with regular toilets) : scope of application, base standards, certification module, certification unit classification, application for certification, implementation of certification, post-certification supervision, CCC certificate, CCC mark, fees, and certification responsibilities,etc.. This document applies to the mandatory product certification of electric toilet appliances (including electrical equipment used in conjunction with regular toilets) with a rated voltage of no more than 250V for single-phase appliances and no more than 480V for other appliances.
G/TBT/N/BR/A/1518	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 05 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable	Mattresses	Amends Ordinance No. 5 December 2023 establishes the risk classification of economic activities associated with acts of release under the responsibility of Inmetro within the scope of the Compulsory Conformity Assessment. Revokes provisions to the contrary Ordinance No. 75, 4 February 2021, which approves the Technical Regulation for the Quality of Spring Mattresses and the Conformity Assessment Requirements for Spring Mattresses - Consolidated. Also revokes No. 35 5 February 2021 which approves the Technical Regulation for Quality and the Assessment Requirements of Compliance for Flexible

				Polyurethane Foam Mattresses and Mattresses - Consolidated.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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