

01 April 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 09 to 22 March 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
G/TBT/NE/GY/455	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 12 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 10 May 2024	Fire protection: smoke ducts sections	This draft of Egyptian standard applies to smoke control duct sections placed on the market and intended to operate as part of a pressure differential system or smoke and heat exhaust system. This standard specifies requirements and gives reference to the test methods defined for smoke control duct sections and their associated components (for example, hangers and other items proven at the time of testing), which are intended to be installed in such systems in buildings. Furthermore, marking and information on installation and maintenance of these products are also given in this standard. Worth mentioning is that this Draft standard adopts the technical content of ISO 21927 7:2017
G/TBT/NS/LV/204/Add.1	El Salvador	Date of Distribution: 15 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 13 May 2024	Waste water - Addendum	On 19 December 2018, the Government of El Salvador notified, in document G/TBT/N/SLV/204, draft Salvadoran Technical Regulation RTS 13.05.01:18: Water. Waste water. Waste water quality parameters for discharge and management of waste sludge. That draft regulation established "the permissible limits for quality parameters for waste water and waste water sludge prior to final disposal as well as technical mechanisms and procedures for their management, and it contributes to the recovery, protection and sustainable use of water resources".
G/TBT/NT/TO/142	Trinidad and Tobago	Date of Distribution: 21 March 2024	Pepper spray	This standard establishes chemical, physical and labelling requirements for pepper spray intended for use on human beings. This standard applies to pepper spray, contained within a canister and

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

		Deadline for Comments: 19 May 2024		delivered only as a fog or stream containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oleoresin Capsicum (OC); or • Major Capsaicinoids (MC). It does not apply to pepper spray canisters containing Chloroacetaphenone (CN) or Orthochloro-benzalmalononitrile (CS).
G/TBT/NU SA/1802/A dd.3	United States	Date of Distribution: 12 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Emissions of greenhouse gases and other harmful air pollutants - Addendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing multiple actions to reduce air pollution emissions from the Crude Oil and Natural Gas source category. First, the EPA is finalizing revisions to the new source performance standards (NSPS) regulating greenhouse gases (GHGs) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) emissions for the Crude Oil and Natural Gas source category pursuant to the Clean Air Act (CAA). Second, the EPA is finalizing emission guidelines (EG) under the CAA for states to follow in developing, submitting, and implementing state plans to establish performance standards to limit GHG emissions from existing sources (designated facilities) in the Crude Oil and Natural Gas source category. Third, the EPA is finalizing several related actions stemming from the joint resolution of Congress, adopted on 30 June 2021, under the Congressional Review Act (CRA), disapproving the EPA's final rule titled, "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review," 14 September 2020 ("2020 Policy Rule"). Fourth, the EPA is finalizing a protocol under the general provisions for optical gas imaging (OGI).
G/TBT/NU SA/2046/R ev.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 14 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable	Air quality in general - Revision	Proposed rule - DEQ is conducting a rulemaking to re-establish a climate mitigation program in place of recently invalidated rules that established Oregon's Climate Protection Program (CPP). In December 2023, the Oregon Court of Appeals determined that DEQ did not fully comply with notice requirements during the 2021 rulemaking process, thereby invalidating the CPP rules and program. The objective of the Climate Protection Program 2024 (CPP 2024) rulemaking is to re-establish an enforceable and declining limit, or cap, on greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels used

				throughout Oregon, including diesel, gasoline, natural gas, and propane beginning in 2025. As demonstrated by the Oregon Climate Action Commission's Oregon Climate Action Roadmap to 2030, the CPP was critical to Oregon's objective of deeply reducing our state's climate pollution.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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