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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 27 January to 02 February 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the three (3) notified draft technical regulations from Israel and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/ISR/1314	Israel	<p>Date of Distribution: 31 January 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 30 March 2024</p>	Portable fire extinguishers	<p>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 129 part 1, dealing with the maintenance of portable fire extinguishers. This national standard is based on the International Standard ISO 11602 and on the American Standard NFPA 10.</p> <p>The major differences between the old version and this new revised draft standard are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes the definitions of certified officials in charge of maintenance and compliance; • Changes the structure of the marking disk; • Updates the guidelines for the inspection of fire extinguishers and their maintenance according to the different types (Section 8); • Updates the requirements of the thorough inspection and the internal hydrostatic test of the different types of extinguishers (section 9). <p>Both the old standard and this new revised standard will apply from entry into force of this revision for a period of one year. During this time, products may be tested according to the old or the new revised standard.</p>
G/TBT/N/USA/1978/Add.1	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 30 January 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Emergency escape breathing apparatus - Addendum	<p>The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is amending its regulations related to occupational noise exposure in three ways. First, in response to a congressional mandate, FRA is expanding those</p>

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				<p>regulations to require that railroads provide an appropriate atmosphere supplying emergency escape breathing apparatus to every train crew member and certain other employees while they are occupying a locomotive cab of a freight train transporting a hazardous material that would pose an inhalation hazard in the event of release during an accident. Second, FRA is changing the name of this part of its regulations from "Occupational Noise Exposure" to "Occupational Safety and Health in the Locomotive Cab" to reflect the additional subject matter of this final rule and to make other conforming amendments. Third, FRA is removing the provision stating the preemptive effect of this part of FRA's regulations because it is unnecessary.</p>
G/TBT/N/USA/2046/Add.1	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 31 January 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Air quality in general - Addendum	<p>DEQ will begin the process to reinstate the Climate Protection Program in the first quarter of 2024 following a 20 December 2023 ruling from the Oregon Court of Appeals. The court decided that DEQ did not fully comply with notice requirements during the rulemaking process for the program, thereby invalidating the final rules and the program. The court's ruling did not impact DEQ's underlying authority to establish and enforce the Climate Protection Program. DEQ has decided not to appeal this decision.</p>

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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