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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 March to 05 April 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from The State of Kuwait and Egypt:

| Document Symbol                       | Notifying Member    | Relevant Dates  | Products Covered   | Summary  |
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| <a href="#">G/TBT/N/K/WT/673</a>      | The State of Kuwait | <b>Date of Distribution:</b><br>04 April 2024<br><br><b>Deadline for Comments:</b><br>02 June 2024  | Thermally insulated glass window and wall systems for government, commercial and residential buildings | This document applies to window and glass wall systems with thermal insulation intended for external facades in government, commercial and residential buildings mentioned in Technical Requirements 8/4; Using any of the double or triple glazing options, at any stage of the supply chain within Kuwait. This is in accordance with the relevant definitions and terms mentioned in Article (1) and the relevant specifications mentioned in Appendix (1), provided that this regulation will be updated when the Ministry of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy makes an amendment or update to the Energy Conservation Code and its executive regulations.  |
| <a href="#">G/TBT/NE/GY/324/Add.1</a> | Egypt               | <b>Date of Distribution:</b><br>03 April 2024<br><br><b>Deadline for Comments:</b><br>Not Indicated | Glass in building, basic soda lime silicate glass products : wired patterned glass - 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 353-5 for "Glass in building - Basic soda lime silicate glass products – Part 5: wired patterned glass "; (12 page(s), in Arabic).<br>It should be noted that the draft of this standard was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/324 dated 9 May 2022.<br>Worth mentioning is that this standard is technically identical with EN 572-5:2012.<br>Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian standards through the publication of administrative orders in the official gazette. |

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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