

11 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 23 to 29 March 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the eight (8) notified draft technical regulations from China and Israel:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CH/N/1839</a>	China	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 25 March 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 23 May 2024	Electric self-balancing vehicles	The document specifies the safety requirements of electrical self-balancing vehicles and describes the related test methods. The document applies to the design, production, and sales of electric self-balancing vehicles powered by rechargeable batteries.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/1333</a>	Israel	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 March 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 24 May 2024	Covered electrodes and low-alloy steel electrodes for arc welding	The existing Mandatory Standard SI 1338 shall be declared voluntary. The standard deals with electrodes for arc welding, a professional industry product used by professionals. The standard's requirements do not ensure welding quality, welder safety, or workplace safety and, therefore, do not coincide with the mandatory standardization goals. This declaration aims to remove unnecessary trade obstacles and lower trade barriers.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/1334</a>	Israel	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 March 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 24 May 2024	Covered electrodes for welding of stainless and heat-resisting steels	The existing Mandatory Standard SI 1339 shall be declared voluntary. The standard deals with electrodes for arc welding, a professional industry product used by professionals. The standard's requirements do not ensure welding quality, welder safety, or workplace safety and, therefore, do not coincide with the mandatory standardization goals. This declaration aims to remove unnecessary trade obstacles and lower trade barriers.

### BUREAU OF PHILIPPINE STANDARDS

#### Membership:

- 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)

<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/1335</a>	Israel	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 March 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 24 May 2024</p>	Covered electrodes for electric metal arc welding of non-alloy steels	The existing Mandatory Standard SI 1340 shall be declared voluntary. The standard deals with electrodes for arc welding, a professional industry product used by professionals. The standard's requirements do not ensure welding quality, welder safety, or workplace safety and, therefore, do not coincide with the mandatory standardization goals. This declaration aims to remove unnecessary trade obstacles and lower trade barriers.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/1336</a>	Israel	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 March 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 24 May 2024</p>	Covered electrodes for manual metal arc welding of non-alloy and fine grain steel	The existing Mandatory Standard SI 2560 shall be declared voluntary. The standard deals with electrodes for arc welding, a professional industry product used by professionals. The standard's requirements do not ensure welding quality, welder safety, or workplace safety and, therefore, do not coincide with the mandatory standardization goals. This declaration aims to remove unnecessary trade obstacles and lower trade barriers.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/1337</a>	Israel	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 March 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 24 May 2024</p>	Covered electrodes for manual metal arc welding of creep-resisting steels	The existing Mandatory Standard SI 3580 shall be declared voluntary. The standard deals with electrodes for arc welding, a professional industry product used by professionals. The standard's requirements do not ensure welding quality, welder safety, or workplace safety and, therefore, do not coincide with the mandatory standardization goals. This declaration aims to remove unnecessary trade obstacles and lower trade barriers.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/1338</a>	Israel	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 March 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 24 May 2024</p>	Covered electrodes for manual metal arc welding of stainless and heat-resisting steels	The existing Mandatory Standard SI 3581 shall be declared voluntary. The standard deals with electrodes for arc welding, a professional industry product used by professionals. The standard's requirements do not ensure welding quality, welder safety, or workplace safety and, therefore, do not coincide with the mandatory standardization goals. This declaration aims to remove

				unnecessary trade obstacles and lower trade barriers.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/1339</a>	Israel	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 March 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 24 May 2024	Covered electrodes for manual metal arc welding of high-strength steels	The existing Mandatory Standard SI 18275 shall be declared voluntary. The standard deals with electrodes for arc welding, a professional industry product used by professionals. The standard's requirements do not ensure welding quality, welder safety, or workplace safety and, therefore, do not coincide with the mandatory standardization goals. This declaration aims to remove unnecessary trade obstacles and lower trade barriers.

To access the notification form, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink. Should you have any queries on this matter or request for full text of draft regulation in English, please do not hesitate to email us at [BPS@dti.gov.ph](mailto:BPS@dti.gov.ph) copy [bps.smd@dti.gov.ph](mailto:bps.smd@dti.gov.ph).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

**NEIL P. CATAJAY**  
Director