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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 December 2023 to 05 January 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the fifteen (15) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/VNM/273</a>	Viet Nam	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 03 February 2024	Road vehicles	This draft technical regulation stipulates requirements for quality assessment of technical safety and environmental protection of types of cars that are manufactured, assembled and imported for use in Vietnam as defined in TCVN 6211 "Road vehicles - Types - Terms and definitions", TCVN 7271 "Road vehicles - Motor vehicles - Classification in purpose of use", Pure electric vehicles, Hybrid vehicles, Hybrid electric vehicles, Hydrogen Vehicles, Electric Hydrogen Vehicles, Automated Vehicles, Self-Propelled Vehicles and Off-Road Vehicles (hereinafter referred to as vehicles)
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/VNM/274</a>	Viet Nam	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 03 February 2024	Road vehicle headlamps	This draft regulation stipulates requirements for quality assessment of road vehicle headlamps (hereinafter referred to as lamps)  This draft technical regulation applies to establishments that manufacture and import lamps, manufacture and assemble and import road motor vehicles and organizations and individuals involved in inspection, testing and certification of the technical quality and safety of lamps.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/VNM/275</a>	Viet Nam	<b>Date of Distribution:</b>	Trailers and semi-trailers	This draft technical regulation stipulates requirements for technical safety and quality

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		05 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 03 February 2024		inspection, and environmental protection in the manufacturing, assembly and import of various types of trailers and semi-trailers as defined in TCVN 6211 "Road vehicles - Types - Terms and definitions". This draft technical regulation applies to establishments manufacturing and assembling vehicles, organizations and individuals importing vehicles and vehicle components and agencies, organizations and individuals involved in management, inspection and testing and certification for trailers and semi-trailers.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/VNM/276</a>	Viet Nam	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 03 February 2024	Mirrors for automobiles	This draft regulation regulates technical requirements and testing methods for mirrors, cameras and screens for cars as defined in TCVN 6211 "Road vehicles - Types - Terms and definitions". This draft technical regulation does not apply to mirrors, cameras and screens installed on cars for national defense and security purposes and other observation devices that can display the driver's viewing range as specified in Appendix A of this Regulation. This draft technical regulation applies to establishments manufacturing and importing mirrors, cameras and screens; manufacturing assembling and importing automobiles, and organizations involved in management, testing, inspection and certification of technical safety quality for mirrors, cameras and screens installed on cars.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/VNM/277</a>	Viet Nam	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 03 February 2024	Motocycles and mopeds	This Draft National Technical Regulation regulates technical requirements and testing methods for two-wheeled motorbike frames and two-wheeled moped frames (hereinafter referred to as frames). This draft National Technical Regulation applies to establishments manufacturing and importing frames, manufacturing and assembling two-wheeled motorbike frames and two-wheeled

				moped frames, and agencies, organizations and individuals involved in the management, inspection and testing of the technical quality and safety of frames.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/VNM/278</a>	Viet Nam	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 January 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 02 February 2024</p>	Wheels and rims for motorcycles and mopeds	<p>The draft National Technical Regulation specifies technical requirements and test methods for rims and wheels of motorcycles and mopeds (including wheel rims made of steel, alloy)</p> <p>This draft National technical regulation applies to establishments manufacturing, importing wheel or rims for motorcycles and mopeds , establishments manufacturing, assembling motorcycles and mopeds and organizations and agencies involved in the management, testing, inspection and certification of quality for rims or wheel for motorcycles and mopeds.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/VNM/279</a>	Viet Nam	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 03 February 2024</p>	Construction machinery : specialized vehicles	<p>This draft technical regulation stipulates the quality of technical safety and environmental protection for specialized vehicles (hereinafter referred to as Vehicles) in production, assembly; import, and use that are listed in the List of potentially unsafe products and goods under the state management responsibility of the Ministry of Transport issued with Circular No. 12/2022 /TT-BGTVT June 30, 2022.</p> <p>This draft technical regulation applies to establishments manufacturing and assembling; importing and owning the Vehicles in use, organizations and individuals involved in the management, inspection, testing and certification of technical safety quality and environmental protection of Vehicles.</p> <p>This draft technical regulation does not apply to vehicles belonging to the Ministry of Public Security and the Ministry of National Defense used for national security and defense purposes.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1403/Add.4</a>	United States	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b></p>	Heavy duty engine on-board	Through the publication of this notice, CARB is establishing that the effective date for section 2196.2

		05 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	diagnostic system - Addendum	of the HD I/M regulation is 1 April 2024. This announcement establishes that vehicles subject to the HD I/M regulation must pass an emissions compliance test twice per year, except motorhomes and agricultural vehicles, which must pass an emissions compliance test once per year. The first periodic testing submission deadlines will occur in July of 2024. Following the initial three years of periodic testing requirements, the compliance testing frequency increases to four times per year on 1 April 2027, for vehicles equipped with onboard diagnostics systems.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/2036/Add.3</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Heavy-duty engine and vehicle omnibus regulation - Addendum	The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has posted new guidance documents for manufacturers, dealers, upfitters, and buyers to clarify when a heavy-duty engine must be California-certified and subject to the California Averaging, Banking and Trading program requirements (fully offset) under Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Sections 1956.8(b) and 2015(r). These guidance documents provide additional information to assist stakeholders in planning efforts to comply with the Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Omnibus (Omnibus) regulation: 1. Clarifications for California Truck Dealers Regarding Sales Outside California 2. CARB Responses Regarding Requests for Enforcement Discretion for Advanced Clean Fleets and Omnibus Regulations While these documents are intended to help with compliance efforts, it is the sole responsibility of each regulated entity to ensure compliance with the Omnibus regulation.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/2082</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 16 January 2024	Motorcycle emissions	Proposed rule - The California Air Resources Board (CARB) Proposed Amendments to On-Road Motorcycle (ONMC) Emissions Standards and Test Procedures and adoption of new provisions relating to ONMCs under Division 3, Chapter 1, Article 2 (Approval of Motor

				Vehicle Pollution Control Devices) under Title 13, California Code of Regulations (collectively "Proposal") will significantly increase the prevalence of zero-emission motorcycles (ZEMs) in California while also reducing emissions from remaining motorcycles that are powered by internal combustion engines (ICE) by greatly harmonizing with more stringent European Union 5 (Euro 5) exhaust emissions standards, proposing more stringent evaporative emissions standards, and adopting additional onboard diagnostic (OBD) requirements beyond Euro 5. The Proposal will drive the sales of ZEMs to 50% in California by the 2035 model year, thereby reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) and smog forming emissions, while also reducing smog-forming emissions from newer ICE motorcycles.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/NZL/107/Add.2</a>	New Zealand	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 January 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated</p>	Carbon dioxide emissions from light vehicles - Addendum	This notification advises that amendments have been made to the Energy Efficiency (Vehicle Energy Economy Labelling) Regulations (notified as G/TBT/N/NZL/107) to reflect the revocation of the Clean Car Discount policy from the close of 31 December 2023. The Clean Car Discount policy provided financial rebates on zero and low CO2 emission vehicles, sold for the first time in New Zealand, and imposed charges on vehicles with CO2 per kilometre emissions higher than a specified threshold. The amendment removes the requirement to display information on vehicle energy economy labels relevant to the rebate and charge information of the Clean Car Discount. From 1 January 2024, all energy economy labels on vehicles and information for vehicles available for sale (both in-person and online) must be updated to the new requirements.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHN/1782</a>	China	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024</p>	Vehicle combustible gas alarms	This document specifies the requirements, tests, marking, inspection rules and instructions for vehicle combustible gas alarms.

		<b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 04 March 2024		This document applies to vehicle combustible gas alarms installed in ordinary gas vehicles. The vehicle combustible gas alarms with special performance used in other special-purpose vehicles can also be implemented in accordance with this document, except for special requirements specified by relevant standards.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHN/1790</a>	China	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Motorcycle and electric bicycle	This document specifies the following issues on China Compulsory Certification (CCC) of electric bicycle user helmets: scope of application, base standards, certification module, certification unit classification, application for certification, implementation of certification, post-certification supervision, CCC certificate, CCC mark, fees, certification responsibilities and certification implementation rules, etc.. This document applies to the mandatory product certification of passenger helmet products.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/453</a>	Argentina	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 03 March 2024	Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Vehicles	The purpose of the notified project is to establish the technical requirements to be met by hydrogen and fuel cell vehicles, regarding the safety of their compressed hydrogen storage systems, and the specific components of these systems, with the purpose of improving safety in the States Parties to MERCOSUR.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SVN/126</a>	Slovenia	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 04 March 2024	Traffic signals and traffic equipment	The regulation determines the purpose, types, meaning, shape, color, size, properties and placement of traffic signals and traffic equipment on public roads. Traffic signals and traffic equipment warn road users of dangers, restrictions, prohibitions and obligations, provide the necessary information for safe and unhindered traffic, and guide them in traffic. The proposed signaling and equipment ensure the implementation of traffic rules and measures for traffic safety and indicate the traffic regulation on the roads. An integral part of the regulation are vertical, horizontal and tourist and information signage.

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Thank you.

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