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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 03 to 09 December 2022.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from United States:

| Document Symbol                       | Notifying Member | Relevant Dates   | Products Covered   | Summary   |
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| <a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/948/Rev.1</a> | United States    | <p><b>Date of Distribution:</b><br/>09 December 2022</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b><br/>06 February 2023</p> | Single package vertical air conditioners and single package vertical heat pumps - Revision | <p>The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended (EPCA), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including single package vertical air conditioners (SPVACs) and single package vertical heat pumps (SPVHPs), collectively referred to as single package vertical units (SPVUs). EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to periodically review standards. In this notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR); notification of proposed determination (NOPD), DOE proposes to amend the current energy conservation standards for SPVUs such that the existing standard levels would be based on a new cooling efficiency metric of Integrated Energy Efficiency Ratio (IEER) for SPVACs and SPVHPs, and the current heating efficiency metric of Coefficient of Performance (COP) for SPVHPs (but without any increase in stringency), In addition, DOE has initially determined that more-stringent</p> |

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|  |               |   |  | standards for SPVUs would not be economically justified and would not result in a significant conservation of energy. DOE also announces a public meeting to receive comment on these proposed standards and associated analyses and results.   |
| <a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1824/Add.1</a> | United States | <p><b>Date of Distribution:</b><br/>09 December 2022</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b><br/>Not Indicated</p> | Single package vertical air conditioner and single package vertical heat pump equipment - Addendum | The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is publishing a final rule to amend its test procedures for single package vertical air conditioners and single package vertical heat pumps, collectively referred to as single package vertical units ("SPVUs"). DOE is incorporating by reference the most recent version of the relevant industry test standard, AHRI 390-2021, and amending certain provisions for representations for SPVUs. DOE is also establishing definitions for "singlephase single package vertical air conditioners with cooling capacity less than 65,000 Btu/h" and for "single-phase single package vertical heat pumps with cooling capacity less than 65,000 Btu/h" to distinguish such equipment from certain residential central air conditioners and heat pumps. |

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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