

14 November 2022

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 29 October to 04 November 2022.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the five (5) notified draft technical regulations from Kingdom of Bahrain and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/BHR/643	Kingdom of Bahrain	<p>Date of Distribution: 04 November 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 02 January 2023</p>	Low capacity air-conditioners	<p>The current technical regulation of low-capacity air conditioners has been updated, according to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scope of the current technical regulation for low-capacity ACs was changed to cover ACs below 65000 btu.h - Minimum temperature allowed will be restricted to 20 Celsius degrees. - Minimum EER for split ACs will be 8.3 on T3 conditions - All values on the new label will be represented according to T3 testing conditions - More modifications are shown in the EER values, shown in the attached updated TR. - Window ACs are classified ($\geq 24K$ or $< 24K$) - No need for application forms, since online EER platform is being used now.
G/TBT/N/USA/863/Add.4	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 02 November 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 03 January 2023</p>	Fans - Addendum	<p>The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") announces the availability of the preliminary analysis it has conducted for purposes of evaluating the need for amended energy conservation standards for consumer furnace fans, which is set forth in the</p>

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- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
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				Department's preliminary technical support document ("TSD") for this rulemaking.
G/TBT/N/USA/1830/Add.1	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 02 November 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Dehumidifying direct-expansion dedicated outdoor air systems - Addendum	In this final rule, DOE is establishing energy conservation standards for direct expansion dedicated outdoor air systems ("DX-DOASes") that are of equivalent stringency as the minimum levels specified in the most recent publication of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers ("ASHRAE") Standard 90.1 "Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low Rise Residential Buildings" ("ASHRAE 90.1-2019") when tested pursuant to the DOE test procedure for DX-DOASes--which incorporates by reference the most recent applicable industry standard for this equipment. DOE has determined that it lacks clear and convincing evidence to adopt standards more stringent than the levels specified in ASHRAE 90.1-2019.
G/TBT/N/USA/1848/Add.2	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 01 November 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Air filters - Addendum	On 22 August 2022, the CEC published a public notice announcing a 15-day comment period for the changes to the proposed regulation for air filters (G/TBT/N/USA/1848/Add.1). Due to a technical issue concerning outreach, a second public notice was published on 29 August 2022, updating the 22 August 2022, public notice. Comments were received into the docket during the updated public comment period, which concluded on 13 September 2022.
G/TBT/N/USA/1932/Add.1	United States	<p>Date of Distribution:</p>	Air cleaners - Addendum	On 18 October 2022, the U.S. Department of Energy

		01 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: 19 December 2022		("DOE") published a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR") to establish test procedures for air cleaners and to announce a public meeting on 9 November 2022, to discuss the proposal. ("October 2022 NOPR") This document announces a change to the public meeting time.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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