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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) from 21 to 27 January 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the eleven (11) notified draft technical regulations from Rwanda:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/RW A/763	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Synthetic resin floorings	This Draft Rwanda Standard gives recommendations for the design and installation of in situ synthetic resin flooring used internally in buildings, where they are bonded to direct finished concrete slabs, fine concrete screeds and to existing concrete floors. The installation of resilient sports surfacing based on synthetic resins is not covered by this code of practice.
G/TBT/N/RW A/772	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Natural stone test method: determination of water absorption at atmospheric pressure	This Draft Rwanda standard specifies a method for determining the water absorption of natural stone – see DRS 515 for terminology and DRS 5278 for denomination - by immersion in water at atmospheric pressure.
G/TBT/N/RW A/774	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Natural stone test methods: determination of resistance to ageing by thermal shock	This Draft Rwanda standard specifies a method to assess possible changes of natural stones under the effect of sudden changes in temperature (thermal shock).
G/TBT/N/RW A/775	Rwanda	Date of Distribution:	Reaction to fire tests for building	This Draft Rwanda standard specifies a method of test for determining the reaction to fire

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<u>G/TBT/N/RW A/776</u>	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Method of test for masonry: determination of flexural strength	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies a method for determining the flexural strength of small masonry specimens for the two principal axes of loading. Guidance is given on the preparation of the specimens, the conditioning required before testing, the testing machine, the method of test, the method of calculation and the contents of the test report.
<u>G/TBT/N/RW A/777</u>	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Masonry units test methods: determination of initial shear strength	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies a method for determining the in plane initial shear strength of horizontal bed joints in masonry using a specimen tested in shear. Guidance is given on the preparation of the specimens, the conditioning required before testing, the testing machine, the method of test, the method of calculation and the contents of the test report.
<u>G/TBT/N/RW A/778</u>	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Masonry units test methods: determination of compressive strength	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies test methods for determining the compressive strength of masonry units.
<u>G/TBT/N/RW A/779</u>	Rwanda	Date of Distribution:	Methods of test for masonry	This Draft Rwanda standard specifies a method of determining the overall

		23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	units: determination of dimensions	dimensions, thickness and combined thickness of shells and webs, depth of voids and plane parallelism of the bed faces of masonry units.
<u>G/TBT/N/RW A/780</u>	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Natural stone test methods: determination of the breaking load at dowel hole	This draft Rwanda standard specifies a test method to determine the breaking load at the dowel hole of natural stones used for cladding or lining in building.
<u>G/TBT/N/RW A/781</u>	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Natural stone test methods: denomination criteria	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the criteria for the designation (Denomination criteria) of natural stone from raw material to finished products.
<u>G/TBT/N/RW A/782</u>	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Masonry units test methods: determination of thermal properties	This Draft Rwanda standards specifies procedures for the determination of thermal properties of masonry and masonry products.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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