

12 April 2023

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 25 to 31 March 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the twelve (12) notified draft technical regulations from Chile and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/C/HL/626	Chile	Date of Distribution: 27 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 25 May 2023	Bags, of the valve bag type, used for the manual transport of cement	This standard establishes the requirements that must be met by bags, of the valve bag type, used for the manual transport of cement. HE applies to bags of cement, of any origin or provenance. This standard does not refer to the storage conditions, nor to the validity of the cement packed in the bags valve, since this history must be included in the labeling of the bag (see clause 5). This standard does not address safety issues, if any, associated with your use, it is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate practices of health and safety, and to determine the degree of application of regulatory limitations prior to use.
G/TBT/N/C/HL/627	Chile	Date of Distribution: 27 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 25 May 2023	Procedures for extraction and preparation of cement samples	This standard establishes the procedures for the extraction and preparation of cement samples. This standard applies to cements that have used in the preparation of mortars and concretes.
G/TBT/N/C/HL/628	Chile	Date of Distribution: 27 March 2023	Procedures for the determination of the chemical	This standard establishes the procedures for the determination of the chemical components of cements, indicated and defined in

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		Deadline for Comments: 25 May 2023	components of cements	clause 3 of this rule. This standard applies to the cements defined in NCh148 and used in pastes, mortars and concretes. This standard describes the methods reference method and, in certain cases, an alternative method (see Annex A) that is may be considered equivalent to reference methods when validated previously considering the provisions of NCh-ISO/IEC 17025.
G/TBT/N/C HL/629	Chile	Date of Distribution: 27 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 25 May 2023	Determination of the specific surface of the cements, expressed in cm ² /g, by means of the Blaine permeabilimeter	This standard establishes the test method for the determination of the specific surface of cements, expressed in cm ² /g, by means of the Blaine permeabilimeter. The method can be manual or automatic, being the reference first. This standard applies to cements used in the manufacture of mortars and concretes. This standard does not address safety issues, if it is that there are, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate health and safety practices, and to determine the degree of application of the regulatory limitations prior to use.
G/TBT/N/C HL/630	Chile	Date of Distribution: 27 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 25 May 2023	Addition called type A aggregate that is used in the manufacture of cements defined in NCh148	This standard establishes the specifications of the addition called Aggregate type A that is used in the manufacture of cements defined in NCh148. This standard describes in Annex A the process that must be developed to incorporate other additions other than those standardized in clause 4 of this standard and in NCh161, in order to promote the incorporation of other materials that They can be used as additives in the

				<p>manufacture of cement. This standard does not address security issues, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate health and safety practices, and to determine the degree of enforcement of regulatory limitations prior to use.</p>
G/TBT/N/C HL/631	Chile	<p>Date of Distribution: 27 March 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 25 May 2023</p>	<p>Procedure to determine the compressive strength of standardized cement mortar</p>	<p>This standard establishes the procedure for determining the compressive strength of normalized cement mortar. Allows you to determine the compressive strength to verify compliance with the requirement established in NCh 148 for all cements. This standard applies to cements used in the manufacture of mortars and concretes.</p>
G/TBT/N/C HL/632	Chile	<p>Date of Distribution: 27 March 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 25 May 2023</p>	<p>Terms used for cements made with portland clinker, their classification according to their composition, resistance and requirements</p>	<p>This standard establishes the terms used for the cements made with portland clinker, its classification according to its composition, resistance and requirements. This standard applies to cements used in the manufacture of mortars and concretes. Cements are classified into six classes and three degrees as indicated in clause four.</p>
G/TBT/N/C HL/633	Chile	<p>Date of Distribution: 27 March 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 25 May 2023</p>	<p>Procedure to determine the relative specific weight of cements, using the normal Le Chatelier flask</p>	<p>This standard establishes the procedure for determining the Relative specific weight of the cements, using the normal Le Chatelier flask. This standard applies to cements used in the preparation of mortars and concretes. This standard does not address safety issues, if any, associated with your use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate practices of health and safety, and determine the degree of</p>

				application of regulatory limitations prior to use.
G/TBT/N/C HL/634	Chile	Date of Distribution: 27 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 25 May 2023	Method to determine the setting time of cements	This standard establishes a method for determining the time of setting of cements. Applies to cements to be used in the preparation of mortars and concretes.
G/TBT/N/C HL/635	Chile	Date of Distribution: 27 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 25 May 2023	Method to determine the normal consistency of cements	This standard establishes a method for determining the normal consistency of cements. This standard applies to cements used in the preparation of mortars and concretes. This standard does not address safety issues, if is that there are, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate health and safety practices, and to determine the degree of application of the regulatory limitations prior to use.
G/TBT/N/C HL/636	Chile	Date of Distribution: 27 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 25 May 2023	Procedure for determining the fineness of cement by wet sieving on the 0.045 mm sieve	This standard establishes a procedure to determine the fineness of the cement by wet sieving on the 0.045 mm sieve. This standard is Applies to cements used in making mortars and concretes. This standard does not address safety issues, if any, associated with its use. Is responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate health and security and determine the degree of application of regulatory limitations prior to its use.
G/TBT/NU SA/521/Re v.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 27 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 April 2023	Manufactured housing - Revision	The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) to amend the compliance date for its manufactured housing energy conservation standards. Currently, manufacturers must comply with these standards

				on and after 31 May 2023. DOE is proposing to delay this compliance date to allow DOE more time to establish enforcement procedures that provides clarity for manufacturers and other stakeholders.
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Sincerely,

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