

15 May 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 29 April to 05 May 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the six (6) notified draft technical regulations from India and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/IND/258	India	Date of Distribution: 05 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 21 July 2023	Cookware and utensils	<p>Cookware and Utensils (Quality Control) Order, 2023 Stainless Steel Cookware: Utensils made of stainless steel used for cooking, serving and storage of food. It includes cooking utensils, serving utensils, table utensils and storage utensils.</p> <p>Wrought Aluminium Utensils: any utensils manufactured from aluminium or its alloys in wrought form which can be used for cooking, baking, serving or storing of solid/ semisolid/ liquid food, water and household provisions.</p> <p>Stainless Steel Sinks of Domestic Purposes are sit-on or inset type stainless steel sinks used for domestic purposes.</p> <p>Round Open Top Sanitary Cans for foods and drinks: A rigid metal container made of tinplate which can be hermetically sealed for packing of thermally and non-thermally processed foods and drinks like fruit vegetable and dairy products, synthetic beverages, meat and fish products etc.</p> <p>Aluminium cans for beverages: is a single-use container up to 500-ml capacity for packing of beer and carbonated beverages.</p>
G/TBT/N/IND/259	India	Date of Distribution: 05 May 2023	Domestic gas stoves	<p>Domestic Gas Stoves for use with Piped Natural Gas (Quality Control) Order, 2023</p> <p>A Gas Stove is a stove that is fuelled by combustible gas such as Liquefied</p>

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		Deadline for Comments: 21 July 2023		Petroleum Gas, natural gas or other flammable gas. A domestic gas stove for use with piped natural gas is one that uses flammable gas such as piped natural gas (PNG) to power it.
G/TBT/N/US/709/Rev.1/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 02 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 17 May 2023	Residential clothes washers - Addendum	On 3 March 2023, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR") and announcement of public meeting proposing amended energy conservation standards for residential clothes washers ("RCWs") and announcing a public meeting to receive comment on the proposed standards and associated analyses and results. ("March 2023 NOPR") The notice provided an opportunity for submitting written comments, data, and information by 2 May 2023. On 15 April 2023, DOE received a request from the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers ("AHAM") to extend the written comment period.
G/TBT/N/US/917/Rev.1/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 05 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Beverage vending machines - Addendum	The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) amends the test procedures for refrigerated bottled or canned beverage vending machines (BVMs) to reference the latest version of the industry standard, while maintaining certain provisions specified in the current DOE test procedure. DOE also provides setup instructions for non-beverage shelves, updates the lowest application product temperature definition and test instructions, specifies setup instructions for refrigeration leak mitigation controls, and removes the obsolete test procedure.
G/TBT/N/US/1189/Rev.2/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 05 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers - Addendum	The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is amending the test procedures for walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers to harmonize with updated industry standards, revise certain definitions, revise the test methods to more accurately represent field energy use, and to accommodate a wider range of walk-in cooler and walk-in freezer component equipment designs

G/TBT/N/US/1323/Add.5	United States	Date of Distribution: 05 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Clothing storage units - Addendum	In November 2022, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission published a consumer product safety standard for clothing storage units (CSUs) to protect children from tip-over-related death or injury, with an effective date of 24 May 2023. In December 2022, the President signed into law the STURDY legislation, which requires CPSC to either develop and promulgate a new consumer product safety standard for CSUs that meets certain requirements specified in STURDY or determine that a voluntary standard exists that meets STURDY's requirements.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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