

10 July 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 24 to 30 June 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the four (4) notified draft technical regulations from India, Japan, United States, and European Union:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/IN/D/284	India	<p>Date of Distribution: 28 June 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 26 August 2023</p>	Steel wires / strands, nylon wire and wire mesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wire ropes are composite construction of strands of fibre or steel or both, bunched to form a core surrounded by stranded and twisted cores. A wire rope is designated by the overall diameter, the number of strands, number of wires per strand, the cores, the type of lay and the length etc. Wire rope is a versatile material that can be inter alia used to lift, hoist, separate, position, secure, remove, repair, readjust, support and brace items in a safe and effective manner. Individual designs of wire rope involve different materials, wire, and strand configurations. • The three basic components of wire rope are the wire, strand, and core, which are wound together to form the rope. The basic element of wire rope is wire that is used to configure, shape, and form the rope. Typically, steel, stainless steel, aluminum, copper, and nylon (non-metal) are used for manufacturing wires. The choice of wire is dependent on the type of work the wire is going to be used to perform with strength, flexibility, and abrasion resistance being the major determining factors.

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- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
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- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
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 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wire rope is classified by the number of strands it has as well as the number of wires in each strand. The most common classification is a seven-wire rope that has one strand in the center and six around its circumference. This type of wire rope is lightweight with a very simple construction. The majority of wire ropes are more complex and intricate with multiple intertwining strands and wires. • The core of a wire rope runs through the center of the rope and can be composed of a variety of materials, which include synthetic fibers, natural fibers, a single strand, or another wire rope. The core supports the wound strands, helps maintain their position, is an effective lubricant carrier, and provides support.
G/TBT/N/J PN/776	Japan	Date of Distribution: 28 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 26 August 2023	Transformers (for building and factory)	These revisions of the technical standards under the Act on Rationalizing Energy Use and Shifting to Non-fossil Energy include energy consumption efficiency standards for targeted fiscal year (FY2026), measurement method, etc. of the products listed in column 4.
G/TBT/N/USA/1976/A dd.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 28 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 10 July 2023	Pool controls - Addendum	On 23 February 2023, the California Energy Commission (CEC) published a Notice of Proposed Action (NOPA) with proposed regulations for Flexible Demand Appliance Standards for Pool Controls. The CEC made documents available for a 45-day comment period ending 10 April 2023, and held a public hearing on 11 April 2023.
G/TBT/N/EU/990	European Union	Date of Distribution: 30 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 28 August 2023	Lead in plastic profiles in electrical and electronic windows	This draft Commission Delegated Directive concerns applications for a specific and temporary exemption from the RoHS (Directive 2011/65/EU) substance restrictions. The criteria for a new exemption are

			and doors containing recovered rigid polyvinyl chloride	met and it is proposed to grant a time-limited exemption in Annex III of that Directive.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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