

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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 25 to 31 March 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the four (4) notified draft technical regulations from four (4) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/G/HA/31</a>	Ghana	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 29 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Applicable	Incandescent filament lamps	The purpose of these regulations is to a) promote the efficient use and conservation of energy in the country; and b) mitigate energy related climate change and contamination of water bodies by prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of incandescent filament lamps
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IND/251</a>	India	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 28 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 28 May 2023	Welding wires, rods and electrodes	Welding Wires, Rods and Electrodes Order
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/URY/76</a>	Uruguay	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 28 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 26 May 2023	Led lamps	LED lamps are incorporated into the national system of energy efficiency labeling, for which the modalities and terms of application of labeling, through the establishment of the national technical standard applicable, the technical definition of those LED lamps covered and/or excluded from the regulations and the dates on which energy efficiency labeling will be effective. voluntary and mandatory character respectively, among other aspects.

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

<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/624/Add.5</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 28 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 26 April 2023	Fluorescent lamp ballasts - Addendum	The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is initiating an effort to determine whether to amend the current energy conservation standards for fluorescent lamp ballasts ("FLB"). Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, DOE must review these standards no later than three years after making a determination that standards for the product do not need to be amended and publish either a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR") to propose new standards for FLB or a notification of determination that the existing standards do not need to be amended. DOE is soliciting the public for information to help determine whether the current standards require amending under the applicable statutory criteria. DOE welcomes written comments from the public on any subject within the scope of this document, including topics not specifically raised.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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