

23 March 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 11 to 17 March 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the three (3) notified draft technical regulations from United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/US/973/Rev.1/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 14 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Residential furnaces and boilers - Addendum	The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") amends its test procedure for consumer boilers established under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. This rulemaking fulfills DOE's obligation to review its test procedures for covered products at least once every seven years. The revisions include: incorporating by reference the latest versions of the industry standards currently referenced in the Federal test procedure; relocating the test procedure to a new appendix separate from the residential furnace test procedure; removing an extraneous definition from its regulatory definitions; and making clarifying corrections to calculations. These revisions will improve the representativeness of the test method and will not be unduly burdensome to conduct.
G/TBT/N/US/1972	United States	Date of Distribution: 13 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 10 April 2023	Programmable digital devices in safety-related systems of nuclear power plants	The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft regulatory guide (DG), DG-1374, "Criteria for Programmable Digital Devices in Safety-Related Systems of Nuclear Power Plants." This DG is proposed Revision 4 of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.152, "Criteria for Use of Computers in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power

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				Plants." DG-1374 describes an approach that is acceptable to the NRC staff to meet regulatory requirements for promoting high functional reliability, design quality, and a secure development and operational environment (SDOE) for the use of programmable digital devices (PDDs) in the safety-related systems of nuclear power generating stations.
G/TBT/N/U SA/1974	United States	Date of Distribution: 15 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 05 May 2023	Nuclear power plant components	The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its regulations to incorporate by reference proposed revisions of three regulatory guides, which would approve new, revised, and reaffirmed code cases published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. This proposed action would allow nuclear power plant licensees and applicants for construction permits, operating licenses, combined licenses, standard design certifications, standard design approvals, and manufacturing licenses to use the code cases listed in these draft regulatory guides as voluntary alternatives to engineering standards for the construction, inservice inspection, and inservice testing of nuclear power plant components.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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