

19 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 18 to 14 April 2023.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/C/HN/1722	China	Date of Distribution: 11 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 09 June 2023	Sensors used in coal mines, meter, data logging devices	<p>This document specifies the safety technical requirements, test methods and inspection rules for instruments used in a coal mines. This document is applicable to instruments used in coal mines.</p> <p>This document applies to coal mine gas detection sensors and detectors (excluding optical interference methane detectors and gas detection tubes), other environmental monitoring sensors and detectors (excluding mechanical wind meters) and human perception sensors and other equipment.</p>
G/TBT/N/U/SA/1827/A dd.2	United States	Date of Distribution: 13 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 31 July 2023	Air cleaners - Addendum	<p>The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), authorizes the Secretary of Energy to classify additional types of consumer products as covered products upon determining that: classifying the product as a covered product is necessary for the purposes of EPCA; and the average annual per-household energy use by products of such type is likely to exceed 100 kilowatt-hours per year ("kWh/yr").</p>

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- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
 - National Enquiry Point (NEP)
 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

G/TBT/N/US/1981	United States	Date of Distribution: 11 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 06 June 2023	Lifejacket	The Coast Guard proposes to amend the approval requirements and follow-up program requirements for lifejackets by incorporating new standards to replace existing legacy standards. The Coast Guard further proposes to amend lifejacket and personal flotation device (PFD) carriage requirements to allow for the use of equipment approved to the new standards and remove obsolete equipment approval requirements. The proposed amendments would streamline the process for the approval of PFDs and allow manufacturers the opportunity to produce more innovative equipment that would meet approval requirements in both Canada and the United States while also reducing the burden of the approval process and the production inspections on manufacturing firms.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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