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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 24 March 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulation from United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NU/SA/1978	United States	Date of Distribution: 23 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 20 June 2023	Emergency escape breathing apparatus	FRA is proposing to amend its regulations related to occupational noise exposure in three ways. First, in response to a Congressional mandate, FRA is proposing to expand those regulations to require that railroads provide an appropriate atmosphere-supplying emergency escape breathing apparatus to every train crew member and certain other employees while they are occupying a locomotive cab of a freight train transporting a hazardous material that would pose an inhalation hazard in the event of release during an accident. Second, FRA is proposing to change the name of this part of its regulations from "Occupational Noise Exposure" to "Occupational Safety and Health in the Locomotive Cab" to reflect the additional subject matter of this SNPRM and to make other conforming amendments. Third, FRA is proposing to remove the provision stating the preemptive effect of this part of FRA's regulations because it is unnecessary.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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