

17 February 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 04 to 10 February 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
G/TBT/N/EG/Y/342	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 06 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 06 April 2023	Water conditioning equipment inside buildings, active media filters : requirements for performance, safety and testing	This draft of Egyptian standard specifies requirements relating to the construction, performance and methods of testing for active media filters for drinking water installations inside buildings, with a maximum working pressure of at least 1000 kPa and a maximum working temperature of less than 30 °C. It only concerns units, which are permanently connected to the mains supply at the point of entry or point of use. This standard applies only to filter systems comprising a housing and filter media tested together. This standard cancels and supersedes its last edition in 2007.
G/TBT/N/NZ/L/120	New Zealand	Date of Distribution: 08 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 08 May 2023	Corded window coverings	The New Zealand Government is considering regulating corded window coverings under a product safety standard to address the risk that they pose to young children. This discussion document seeks feedback on the nature and scale of the problem, the options, benefits, costs and other impacts of the options, and implementation. The feedback from the consultation will be used to inform policy development and advice to Ministers on next steps.
G/TBT/N/TH/A/694	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 08 February 2023	Air purifiers	The draft notification prescribes air purifier as label-controlled goods. This draft notification applies to air purifier, a product that works by means of drawing

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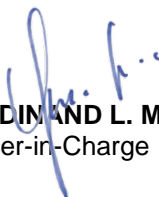
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
 - National Enquiry Point (NEP)
 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

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G/TBT/N/US A/1856/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 09 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Air quality : revision to the regulatory definition of volatile organic compounds - Addendum	On 28 April 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a proposed rule seeking comments in response to a petition requesting the revision of the EPA's regulatory definition of volatile organic compounds (VOC) to exempt trans-1,1,1,4,4,4- hexafluorobut-2-ene (also known as HFO-1336mzz(E); CAS number 66711-86- 2). The EPA is now taking final action to revise the regulatory definition of VOC under the Clean Air Act (CAA). This final action adds HFO1336mzz(E) to the list of compounds excluded from the regulatory definition of VOC on the basis that this compound makes a negligible contribution to tropospheric ozone (O3) formation.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,


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