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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 13 to 19 May 2023.

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

Document	Notifying	Relevant	Products	Summary
Symbol	Member	Dates	Covered	
G/TBT/N/R WA/865	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 17 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 15 July 2023	Rotational moulded polyethylene water storage tanks (closed and open top tank)	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for rotational moulded polyethylene water storage tanks (closed and open top tank). This standard does not cover mobile water tanks, horizontal cylindrical water tanks and underground tanks. This standard is applicable to both open-topped and closed-topped water storage tanks subjected to the following two conditions: a) own hydrostatic head of water; and b) uniform flat base support. The nominal service temperature is 1 °C to 50 °C
G/TBT/N/U SA/897/Re v.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 15 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 11 July 2023	Terminal air conditioners (PTACs) and packaged terminal heat pumps (PTHPs) - Revision	The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes to amend the test procedures for Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners ("PTACs") and Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps ("PTHPs") to establish seasonal energy efficiency metrics for heating and cooling. DOE also proposes to revise the current test procedure to measure dehumidification energy use of make-up air PTACs and PTHPs. DOE is seeking comment from interested parties on the proposal.
G/TBT/N/U SA/970/Re v.1/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 16 May 2023	Portable air conditioners - Addendum	The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") amends the current test procedure for portable air

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Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	conditioners ("portable ACs") to incorporate a measure of variable-speed portable AC performance, generally consistent with
Not Indicated	generally consistent with previously granted waivers, and to
	make minor clarifying edits

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Sincerely,

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