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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 22 to 28 April 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the two (2) notified draft technical regulations from European Union and India:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NE U/968	European Union	Date of Distribution: 24 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 22 June 2023	Wood panelling and cladding, and wood ribbon elements	The reaction to fire performance of wood panelling and cladding, and wood ribbon elements, within the classification provided for in Regulation (EU) 2016/364, is well established only when the material is untreated. For this reason, the reaction to fire performance of these products can be deemed, without the need for any further testing, to achieve a certain class of performance, as defined in the European classification system mentioned above but this classification cannot be extended to untreated products. This Delegated Regulation is necessary to prevent misuse of the existing Commission Decision 2006/213/EC.
G/TBT/NI ND/254	India	Date of Distribution: 28 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 26 June 2023	Resin treated compressed wood laminates	Resin treated compressed wood laminates (Quality Control) Order, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resin treated compressed wood laminates, also known as compregs, are laminates made from thin wood veneers and thermosetting phenol or cresol formaldehyde resins. They combine within themselves enhanced mechanical properties with the stabilizing and moisture-proof qualities of thermosetting resins; besides, they have good machining properties, and resistance to corrosive agents and termite attack. Compregs are manufactured in

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				different shapes, such as, sheets, rods and moulded shapes. • Resin treated compressed wood laminates is made up of Timber, Synthetic Resins, Solvents, Varnishes and Unless otherwise specified the thickness of resin treated compressed wood laminate boards shall be 3 mm,4 mm, 5mm,6 mm, 8 mm, 12mm, 16mm, 20 mmm, 25 mm, 32 mm,40 mm, 50 mm, 60 mm and 70 mm.
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Sincerely,

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