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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 05 to 11 August 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the four (4) notified draft technical regulations from Egypt and Rwanda:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NE/GY/3/Add.58	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 10 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Chemical, textile and engineering products - Addendum	This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No. 197 /2023 (2 pages, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 182-1 "Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V - Part 1: General requirements" (29 pages, in Arabic).
G/TBT/NR/WA/906	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 7 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 5 October 2023	Aggregates for surface treatment of roads	This Draft Rwanda Standard covers requirements, sampling and test methods for crushed aggregates for use in surface treatments in the construction, rehabilitation or maintenance of bituminous roads surfacing. Requirements are laid down for sizes, strength, gradation of aggregates and methods of sampling and test. It is applicable to common rocks and minerals suitable for use in the form of crushed stone for surface treatments of roads.
G/TBT/NR/WA/914	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 8 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 6 October 2023	Bitumen and bituminous binders	This Draft Rwanda Standard defines terms for paving or industrial bitumen of various types and binders derived from bitumen. It does not extend to non-petroleum "hydrocarbon" binders such as coal tar and its derivatives or to natural

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				<p>asphalts. However, some definitions are given for some excluded materials and related terms. The corresponding terms were introduced only when they appeared in a definition of a product or process and when their definition was found necessary for understanding or for avoiding any ambiguity.</p> <p>NOTE The types covered by this Standard are shown in Annex A. The figure also shows a clear distinction between materials inside and outside the scope of this standard.</p>
G/TBT/N/R WA/908	Rwanda	<p>Date of Distribution: 7 August 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 5 October 2023</p>	Bitumen and bituminous binders	<p>This Draft Rwanda Standard provides a framework for specifying a range of properties and relevant sampling and test methods for bitumen, which is suitable for use in the construction and maintenance of roads, airfields and other paved areas, together with requirements for evaluation of conformity. This Standard does not directly address 'cohesion, adhesion and setting ability'.</p> <p>NOTE Paving grade bitumen specified in this standard can also be used for industrial applications.</p>

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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