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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 11 to 17 November 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the eight (8) notified draft technical regulations from four (4) WTO Members.

| Document Symbol | Notifying Member | Relevant Dates | Products Covered | Summary |
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| G/TBT/N/D/OM/238 | Dominican Republic | Date of Distribution: 14 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 12 January 2024 | Household Drinking Water Meters | The purpose of this technical regulation is to establish the requirements for metrological requirements that must be met by household drinking water meters and technical procedures to be applied for the approval of the model and Initial verification (batch inspection). |
| G/TBT/NE/GY/371 | Egypt | Date of Distribution: 14 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 12 January 2024 | Track - Concrete sleepers and bearers - General requirements | This draft Standard defines technical criteria and control procedures which need to be satisfied by the constituent materials and the finished concrete sleepers and bearers, i.e.: precast concrete sleepers, twin-block reinforced sleepers, bearers for switches and crossings, and special elements for railway tracks. The main requirement of concrete sleepers and bearers is the transmission of vertical, lateral and longitudinal loads from the rails to the ballast or other support. In use, they are also exposed to frost damage and to moisture, which can result in detrimental chemical reactions within the sleeper. |
| G/TBT/NE/GY/372 | Egypt | Date of Distribution: 14 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 12 January 2024 | Track - Concrete sleepers and bearers - Prestressed monoblock sleepers | This draft Standard defines additional technical criteria and control procedures related to the manufacturing and testing of prestressed monoblock sleepers. |

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| G/TBT/NE GY/373 | Egypt | Date of Distribution: 14 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 12 January 2024 | Track - Concrete sleepers and bearers - Twin-block reinforced sleepers | This draft Standard defines technical criteria and control procedures for manufacturing and testing twin-block reinforced concrete sleepers. Worth mentioning is that this draft standard is technically identical with EN 13230-3:2016 |
| G/TBT/NE GY/374 | Egypt | Date of Distribution: 14 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 12 January 2024 | Track - Concrete sleepers and bearers - Special elements | This draft Standard defines additional technical criteria and control procedures for manufacturing and testing special elements. Worth mentioning is that this draft standard is technically identical with EN 13230-5:2016 |
| G/TBT/NE GY/375 | Egypt | Date of Distribution: 14 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 12 January 2024 | Track - Concrete sleepers and bearers - Design | This draft Standard provides particular design guidance in the following areas: — derivation of characteristic loads and test loads; — calculation of characteristic and test bending moments. The aim of this standard is to give guidance for the preparation of all data to be given by the purchaser to the supplier in accordance with Parts from 1 to 5. It applies to gauges 1 000 mm, 1 435 mm, 1 668 mm as well as to all lengths of sleepers and bearers. This standard gives special criteria for the design of concrete sleepers and bearers as track components. |
| G/TBT/N/IN D/322 | India | Date of Distribution: 17 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 15 January 2024 | Gypsum based building materials | Gypsum based Building Materials are mainly Gypsum Plaster Boards. Gypsum boards have the specific advantage of being lighter than the boards of similar nature, such as fibre hard boards and asbestos cement building boards. Gypsum boards also possess better fire resisting, thermal and sound insulating properties. Gypsum boards may be manufactured as plain, laminated and reinforced boards. Reinforcing materials generally used as glass, paper, vegetable fibres, etc. |

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| G/TBT/N/IS R/1294 | Israel | Date of Distribution: 15 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 13 January 2024 | Plastic piping systems for water installations inside buildings | Fourth amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 5433 part 3. This proposed amendment adopts the requirements of ISO 15875-3:2003/Amd.2:2021-10. |
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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