

13 December 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 02 to 08 December 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the five (5) notified draft technical regulations from four (4) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/B/RA/497/Ad d.5/Corr.1</a>	Brazil	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 06 December 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Metal cooking pots - Corrigendum	Rectification of Annex I, in subitems 4.1.1.2 and 4.2.1.1 of Inmetro Ordinance No. 499, on 20 December 2021.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/B/RA/497/Ad d.5/Corr.2</a>	Brazil	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 06 December 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Metal cooking pots - Corrigendum	Rectification of Annex I of Inmetro Ordinance No. 499, 20 December 2021, published in the Official Gazette of the Union on 29 December 2021, pages 40 to 50, section 1.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IN/D/323</a>	India	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 December 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 01 February 2024	Air cooler and air filters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air cooler is a device that reduces the temperature of the air in a room by drawing it in and filtering it through water. Air coolers work on the evaporative cooling principle, where water evaporation is used to cool the air. Unlike air coolers that put moisture into the air, air conditioners actually remove moisture.</li> <li>• Air filters are devices used to remove airborne particles and pollutants that are hazardous to health and the ecosystem. These devices utilize a filter media, which captures those particles on its upstream side. Air set in motion by the fan passes through a system of filters and purified air is released to the outside.</li> </ul>

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

<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/1280/Add.1</a>	Israel	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 December 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Air conditioners : safety and operational requirements - Addendum	The declaration of Section 30.201 of the mandatory standard SI 994 part 1 as voluntary was published on 30 November 2023 in Israel's Official Gazette Section of Government Notice # 10932 and entered into force immediately.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/2074</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 December 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 08 January 2024	Appliance efficiency	The California Energy Commission (CEC) proposes to amend the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 20, Article 4, sections 1601-1609 after considering all comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action. The proposed federal and administrative updates include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates to align with current federal law</li> <li>• Updates to the data submittal requirements and processes</li> <li>• Removal of a redundant aspect of the marking requirement for commercial and industrial fans and blowers</li> <li>• Updates and streamlining to CEC's product compliance review, enforcement, and administrative proceedings</li> <li>• Other administrative and non-substantive changes for clarity and consistency</li> </ul>

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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