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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 16 to 22 December 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Japan and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/J/PN/790	Japan	Date of Distribution: 20 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: 19 February 2024	Consumer products, electrical appliances and materials, and gas/ liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) equipment and appliances	To clarify that overseas operators that sell products directly to general consumers in Japan without going through manufacturers and importers in Japan are subject to regulations under the proposed technical regulations, as well as the introduction of regulations for children's products such as toys in the proposed technical regulations.
G/TBT/N/USA/974/Rev.1/Add.2	United States	Date of Distribution: 19 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Residential furnaces - Addendum	The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including consumer furnaces. EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or "the Department") to determine periodically whether more stringent standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would result in significant energy savings. In this final rule, DOE is adopting amended energy conservation standards for consumer furnaces, specifically non-weatherized gas furnaces and mobile home gas furnaces. The Department has determined that the amended energy conservation

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				standards for the subject products would result in significant conservation of energy, and are technologically feasible and economically justified.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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