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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 21 to 27 October 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the three (3) notified draft technical regulations from France and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/F/RA/230	France	Date of Distribution: 27 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 25 December 2023	Household washing machines	Directive (EU) 2018/851 on waste encourages Member States to take appropriate measures to avoid the generation of waste. In addition, the European Circular Economy Action Plan (COM(2020) 98) includes among its objectives Improving the durability and reparability of products. Within the framework of the law No. 2020-105 of 10 February 2020 on the fight against waste and the economy circular and following the implementation of a reparability index
G/TBT/N/F/RA/231	France	Date of Distribution: 27 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 25 December 2023	Televisions	The sustainability index consists of a score out of ten, intended to be displayed at the time of purchase to inform the consumer about the longevity of electrical and electronic products. This index is intended to replace the French reparability index by taking into account the criteria of reliability and scalability of products.
G/TBT/N/USA/1189/R/ev.2/Add.2	United States	Date of Distribution: 26 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers - Addendum	Final rule; correcting amendments - On 4 May 2023, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a final rule adopting test procedures for walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers. This document corrects errors and omissions in that final rule. Neither the errors and omissions nor the corrections affect the substance of the

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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