

06 October 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 23 to 29 September 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the nine (9) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/C HN/1756</a>	China	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 29 September 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 27 November 2023	Gas-burning appliances	This document specifies the scope of application, certification standards, certification mode, certification unit division, certification entrustment, certification implementation, post-certification supervision, certification certificate, certification marks, fees, certification responsibilities, etc. for mandatory product certification for commercial gas burning appliances. These document applies to commercial gas-burning appliance use town gas as energy source, combustion air is taken from indoor, and whose combustion products are directly or indirectly discharged to the outdoor, including: steam generator, steamers, deep-frying ovens, cooking ovens, large-size cookers, low-soup cookers and other flat-end stoves, normal pressure stationary water heaters, rice cookers, dishwashers, cooking stoves, BBQ ovens, hot-plate ovens and ovens, and a combination of the above products.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/C HN/1764</a>	China	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 29 September 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b>	Burglary-resistant locks	This document specifies the terms and definitions, classification, security levels and composition, safety requirements and testing methods for mechanical anti-theft locks, safety requirements and testing methods for electronic anti-

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		27 November 2023		<p>theft locks, inspection rules, marking, packaging, transportation, and storage of burglary-resistant locks.</p> <p>This document applies to mechanical burglary-resistant locks on the anti-theft security door, include the plug-in, external, and password type and electronic burglary-resistant locks that electronically identify, process, and control the execution of lock opening and closing.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CRI/189/Add.9</a>	Costa Rica	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 27 September 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated</p>	Air conditioners - Addendum	The following communication, dated September 26, 2023, is distributed at the request of the Costa Rican delegation.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IND/318</a>	India	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 27 September 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 25 November 2023</p>	Furniture : work chairs, general purpose chairs and stools, tables and desks, storage units, beds, bunk beds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It refers to movable objects intended to support various human activities such as seating, eating, storing items, eating and/or working with an item, and sleeping.</li> <li>• As per IS 17631:2022, title of Indian Standard "Work chairs" is a type of chair that is designed for use at a desk in an office. It is usually a swivel chair, with a set of wheels for mobility and adjustable height.</li> <li>• As per IS 17632:2022 title of Indian Standard "General purpose chairs and stools" is a type of seat, typically designed for one person and consisting of one or more legs, a flat or slightly angled seat and a back-rest and a stool is a raised seat commonly supported by three or four legs, but with neither armrests nor a backrest (in early stools), and typically built to accommodate one occupant.</li> <li>• As per IS 17633:2022 title of Indian Standard "Tables and desks". A table is generally a piece of furniture with a flat surface, typically used for dining or other activities. A desk is also a type of</li> </ul>

				<p>table, but it usually has drawers and compartments to store items like documents and the principal materials of tables and desks are wooden table/desk, steel table/desk, plastic table/desk, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As per IS 17634:2022 title of Indian Standard "Storage units" are Storage Unit means a semi enclosed or fully enclosed area, room, or space that is primarily intended for the storage of personal property and which shall be accessible by the renter of the unit pursuant to the terms of the rental agreement.</li> <li>• As per IS 17635:2022 title of Indian Standard "Beds" are a piece of furniture upon which or within which a person sleeps, rests, or stays when not well. The principal materials of beds are wooden bed, steel bed, plastic bed, etc.</li> <li>• As per IS 17636:2022 title of Indian Standard "Bunk beds" Bunk beds are two beds that are attached to each other, one above the other, in a frame. The principal materials of bunk beds are wooden bunk bed, steel bunk bed, plastic bunk bed, etc.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/NZL/128</a>	New Zealand	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 25 September 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 23 November 2023</p>	Domestic electrical appliances	The Energy Efficiency Conversation Authority (EECA) proposes to align New Zealand's energy requirements for clothes washing machines, rotary clothes dryers and dishwashers with the relevant Australian Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Determinations.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/857/Rev.1/Add.1</a>	United States	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 29 September 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 06 November 2023</p>	Walk-in coolers and freezers - Addendum	On 5 September 2023, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR"), in which DOE proposed amended energy conservation standards for walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers. ("September 2023 NOPR") In this notification, DOE is summarizing and addressing comments that

				were considered but not discussed in the September 2023 NOPR.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/865/Rev.1/Add.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 27 September 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Commercial refrigeration equipment - Addendum	The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") amends the test procedures for commercial refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers ("CRE") to reference the latest versions of the applicable industry standards. DOE also establishes definitions and test procedures for new equipment categories, adopts test procedures consistent with recently published waivers and interim waivers, establishes product-specific enforcement provisions, allows for volume determinations based on computer-aided designs, specifies a sampling plan for volume and total display area, and adopts additional clarifying amendments.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/898/Rev.1/Add.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 September 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 25 October 2023	Automatic commercial ice makers - Addendum	On 11 May 2023, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR"), in which DOE proposed new and amended energy conservation standards for automatic commercial ice makers. In this notification of data availability ("NODA"), DOE is updating its analysis for automatic commercial ice makers based on information DOE received related to harvest rate cutoffs in response to DOE's 11 May 2023 NOPR. DOE requests comments, data, and information regarding the updated analysis.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1650/Rev.1/Add.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 29 September 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Dedicated-purpose pool pump motors - 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 dedicated purpose pool pump motors. When DOE is considering adopting energy conservation standards, EPCA requires that the standards be designed to achieve the maximum improvement in energy

				efficiency, which DOE determines is technologically feasible and economically justified. In this final rule, DOE is adopting amended energy conservation standards for dedicated purpose pool pump motors. It has determined that the new energy conservation standards for these products would result in significant conservation of energy, and are technologically feasible and economically justified.
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Thank you.

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