

07 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) from 25 November to 01 December 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the seven (7) notified draft technical regulations from Israel, Kenya, and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/ISR/1265/Add.1	Israel	Date of Distribution: 30 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Domestic electric-gas appliances - Addendum	The following communication, dated 29 November 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Israel.
G/TBT/N/ISR/1298	Israel	Date of Distribution: 29 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 27 January 2024	Electrical grills, toasters and similar portable cooking appliances	Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 900 part 2.9, dealing with electrical grills, toasters and similar portable cooking appliances, to be replaced with SI 60335 part 2.9. This draft standard revision adopts the International Standard IEC 60335-2-9 - Edition 7.0: 2019-05, with a few changes that appear in the standard's Hebrew section. The major differences between the old version and this new revised draft standard are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes that are due to the adoption of the International standard's new edition; • Changes in the normative references (Section 2). Both the old standard and this new revised standard will apply from entry into force of this revision until 12 January 2026. During this time, products may be tested according to the old or the new revised standard.
G/TBT/N/KEN/1349/Add.1	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 27 November 2023 Deadline for Comments:	Safe play environment for children : playground hazards - Addendum	Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the Kenya Standard KS 2948-2: 2022 Safe play environment for children — Guidelines Part 2: Playground hazards; notified in G/TBT/N/KEN/1349 as DKS 2948-2: 2022 was adopted on 29th

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

		Not Indicated		September 2023 via gazette notice No. 13353 dated 29th September 2023.
G/TBT/N/K/EN/1350/A/1	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 27 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Safe play environment for children : parts of the playground - Addendum	Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the Kenya Standard KS 2948-4:2022 Safe play environment for children — Guidelines Part 4: Parts of the playground; notified in G/TBT/N/KEN/1350 as KS 2948-4:2022 was adopted on 29th September 2023 via gazette notice No. 13353 dated 29th September 2023.
G/TBT/N/K/EN/1351/A/1	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 27 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Safe play environment for children : maintaining a playground - Addendum	Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the Kenya Standard KS 2948-3:2022 Safe play environment for children — Guidelines. Part 3: Maintaining a playground; notified in G/TBT/N/KEN/1351 as DKS 2948-3:2022 was adopted on 29th September 2023 via gazette notice No. 13353 dated 29th September 2023.
G/TBT/N/K/EN/1372/A/1	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 27 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Bamboo toothpicks and skewers - Addendum	Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the Kenya Standard KS 2980:2022 Bamboo toothpicks and skewers – specification; notified in G/TBT/N/KEN/1372 as DKS 2980:2022 was adopted on 29th September 2023 via gazette notice No. 13353 dated 29th September 2023.
G/TBT/N/USA/1655/A/8	United States	Date of Distribution: 30 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 29 January 2024	Residential furnaces and commercial water heaters - 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 non- weatherized oil-fired furnaces ("NWOs"), mobile home oil-fired furnaces ("MHOs"), weatherized gas furnaces "WGF", weatherized oil-fired furnaces "WOF", and electric furnaces "EF". EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") to periodically review its existing standards to determine whether more-stringent, amended standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would result in significant energy savings. In this notification of proposed determination ("NOPD"), DOE has initially determined that amended energy conservation standards for EFs, NWOs, MHOs, WOFs, and WGFs do not need to be amended. DOE requests comment on this proposed determination and the associated analyses and results.

To access the notification form, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink. Should you have any queries on this matter or request for full text of draft regulation in English, please do not hesitate to email us at BPS@dti.gov.ph copy bps.smd@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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