

19 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) from 30 September to 06 October 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the seven (7) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/B/DI/409	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 02 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 November 2023	Reconstituted flexible polyurethane foam mattresses	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for reconstituted flexible polyurethane foam mattresses. This standard does not cover orthopaedic mattresses
G/TBT/N/B/DI/410	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 02 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 November 2023	Mattresses : polyethylene foam	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for polyethylene foam. This standard does not cover orthopaedic mattresses.
G/TBT/N/E/U/1017	European Union	Date of Distribution: 04 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 01 January 2024	Children's toys	It replaces Directive 2009/48/EC on the requirements that toys must meet to be placed on the Union market. With regard to Directive 2009/48/EC the proposed Regulation introduces generic bans for the most harmful chemicals in toys, and requires that a product passport including the compliance information is created for toys.
G/TBT/N/N/ZL/117/Add.2	New Zealand	Date of Distribution: 04 October 2023 Deadline for Comments:	Multipurpose ladders - Addendum	This notification advises that the Product Safety Standards (Multipurpose Ladders) Regulations 2023 were adopted on 13 March 2023 and entered into force in 13

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Membership:

- 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		April 2023. The Regulations require that multipurpose ladders comply with Australian Standard AS 1892.1:2018 Portable ladders, Part 1: Performance and geometric requirements, with minor modifications for New Zealand consistent with those implemented in the transitional Unsafe Goods Notice (Multipurpose Ladders) 2021.
G/TBT/N/THA/683/Add.1	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 06 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Halogen oven - Addendum	This addendum is to inform that the Notification of the Committee on Labels entitled Determination of Halogen Oven as Label-Controlled Goods entered into force on 25 August 2023.
G/TBT/N/TPKM/523/Add.1	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 06 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Freezers - Addendum	The purpose of this notification is to provide the final texts of "Amendments to the Legal Inspection Requirements for Freezers" and relevant dates of its implementation. The draft texts notified in "G/TBT/N/TPKM/523" were adopted without changes.
G/TBT/N/USA/2053	United States	Date of Distribution: 02 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 28 November 2023	Consumer products and commercial and industrial equipment	The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes to establish and amend the certification provisions, labeling requirements, and enforcement provisions for specific types of consumer products and commercial and industrial equipment, as described in sections II and III of this proposed rule. DOE is proposing to establish and make amendments to the certification requirements, labeling requirements, and enforcement provisions for these products and equipment to ensure reporting that is consistent with currently applicable energy conservation

				standards and test procedures and to ensure DOE has the information necessary to determine the appropriate classification of products for the application of standards. DOE seeks comment from interested parties on all aspects of this proposal.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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