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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 25 November to 01 December 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the five (5) notified draft technical regulations from Colombia, Eswatini, and Israel:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NC/OL/20/Add.13	Colombia	Date of Distribution: 30 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Electrical equipment and installations - Addendum	New Draft Resolution amending the Technical Regulations for Installations Electrics - RETIE (New Draft Resolution amending the Technical Regulation on Electrical Installations (RETIE))
G/TBT/NS/WZ/14	Eswatini	Date of Distribution: 01 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 January 2024	Power systems	This Draft national Standard governs the minimum safety standards for the operating, maintenance, construction and installation of power systems in Eswatini. The purpose of this Standard is threefold, namely, to ensure the safety of all persons, to safeguard apparatus and to ensure continuity of supply. This Standard is an extension of, and must be read in conjunction with, the provisions of the The purpose of this Standard is threefold, namely, to ensure the safety of all ersons, to safeguard apparatus and to ensure continuity of supply(with particular emphasis on the Health and Safety Act made thereunder), and all other applicable laws, and does not supersede, overrule or negate any provisions contained in the Electricity Act, the Labour Act or such other laws.
G/TBT/NS/WZ/15	Eswatini	Date of Distribution: 01 December 2023 Deadline for Comments:	Electricity : mini-grid and off-grid systems	This standard specifies the technical requirements for mini-grid and off-grid system design, construction, installation, operation and maintenance. This standard is meant to ensure safe, reliable and quality supply of electricity to consumers. This standard also covers but not limited

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		30 January 2024		to stand-alone systems such as solar home systems, micro and pico-systems.
G/TBT/N/IS R/1299	Israel	Date of Distribution: 29 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 27 January 2024	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies	Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 61439 part 1, dealing with low-voltage switchgear and control gear assemblies. This draft standard revision adopts the International Standard IEC 61439-1 - Edition 3.0: 2020-05, 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 the amendments and the national deviations to Section 6 - Information; • Deletes the changes and the national deviations to Section 8 - Constructional requirements. Both the old standard and this new revised standard will apply from entry into force of this revision until 21 May 2024. During this time, products may be tested according to the old or the new revised standard.
G/TBT/N/IS R/1300	Israel	Date of Distribution: 29 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 27 January 2024	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies	Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 61439 part 2, dealing with low-voltage power switchgear and control gear assemblies. This draft standard revision adopts the International Standard IEC 61439-2 - Edition 3.0: 2020-07, 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 the national deviations to Section 6 - Information. Both the old standard and this new revised standard will apply from entry into force of this revision until 21 May 2024. During this time, products may be tested according to the old or the new revised standard.

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Sincerely,

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