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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 07 to 13 October 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the four (4) notified draft technical regulations from Egypt and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/E/GY/366	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 13 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 11 December 2023	Fire-resistance of building materials and elements	<p>This draft Standard describes procedures for determining the fire resistance of non-load bearing elements of building construction when subjected to the heating and pressure conditions specified in clause (2/1) .</p> <p>It applies to fully insulated, semi-insulated and non-insulated vertical partitions of door and window assemblies (except for extinguishing systems united within ducts) attached to roof structures and to integrated elements of the building. The mentioned methods explain the appropriate methods for normal combinations of these elements.</p> <p>Worth mentioning is that this draft standard is technically identical with BS 476-22/1987 (confirmed 2017)</p>
G/TBT/N/USA/858/Rev.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 11 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 11 December 2023	Commercial refrigeration equipment - Revision	<p>The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer equipment and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including commercial refrigerators, freezers, and refrigeratorfreezers ("commercial refrigeration equipment" or "CRE"). EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" "the Department") to periodically determine whether more stringent</p>

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				standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would result in significant energy savings. In this notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR"), DOE proposes new and amended energy conservation standards for CRE, and also announces a public meeting to receive comment on these proposed standards and associated analyses and results.
G/TBT/N/USA/2035/Add.2	United States	Date of Distribution: 13 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 17 November 2023	Air emissions reporting requirements - Addendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the comment period for the proposed revisions to the Air Emissions Reporting Requirements (AERR), published in the Federal Register on 9 August 2023. The current comment period for the proposed rule is set to end on 18 October 2023. EPA has received numerous requests to extend the comment period given the complexity and length of the proposed rulemaking. The EPA is extending the comment period for the proposed action to 17 November 2023. The EPA is also extending the comment period for the associated Information Collection Request (ICR), number 2170.09, for the proposed AERR to 17 November 2023.
G/TBT/N/USA/2057	United States	Date of Distribution: 13 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 28 November 2023	Emissions from engines and major stationary sources	Amends rules to reduce emissions of ozone precursors and other pollutants for purposes of, without limitation, attaining the federal National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone and improving public health and welfare, consistent with the proposal from the Air Pollution Control Division. This proposal includes revisions to Colorado's State Implementation Plan (SIP) and revisions to associated regulations, both in and outside of the SIP.

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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