

24 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 14 to 20 October 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the two (2) notified draft technical regulations from Brazil and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/B/RA/1506	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 19 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 08 December 2023	Medical equipment	This draft resolution proposes changes to administrative procedures for granting Good Practices Certification Manufacturing and Certification of Good Distribution and/or Storage Practices, to enable the increase in the validity period of certificates of good manufacturing practices (CBPF) of medical device manufacturers granted through the Medical Device Single Audit Program - MDSAP.
G/TBT/N/USA/1058/R/ev.1/Add.4	United States	Date of Distribution: 16 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Hearing aids - Addendum	The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC, or Commission) recently granted a limited waiver of the Commission's wireless hearing aid compatibility rules with respect to the volume control technical standard that handset manufacturers use in part to certify handsets as hearing aid-compatible under the 2019 ANSI Standard. The Bureau took this step in response to a petition filed by the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) seeking waiver of certain aspects of these rules. By conditionally granting the waiver request, the Bureau ensures that handset manufacturers can continue to release new hearing aid-compatible handset models while a new volume control standard is developed that the Commission can

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				adopt into its wireless hearing aid compatibility rules.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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