

14 November 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 04 to 10 November 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the three (3) notified draft technical regulations from European Union and United States:

| Document<br>Symbol                 | Notifying<br>Member | Relevant<br>Dates  | Products<br>Covered   | Summary  |
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| <u>G/TBT/N/EU/</u><br><u>1029</u>  | European<br>Union   | Date of<br>Distribution:<br>07 November<br>2023<br>Deadline for<br>Comments:<br>05 January<br>2024 | Registration plate<br>space for trailers<br>and the mass of<br>energy storage<br>systems  | Implementing Regulation (EU)<br>2021/535 is amended to require<br>the mass of the energy storage<br>system to be stated in the<br>certificate of conformity of zero-<br>emission vehicles in order to be<br>taken into account for the purpose<br>of CO2 monitoring from 1 January<br>2025. This draft also provides<br>rules for the towing capability of<br>stranded motor vehicles and<br>foresees transitional provisions for<br>the application of the requirement<br>for the second rear registration<br>plate space for trailers.                           |
| <u>G/TBT/N/EU/</u><br><u>1030</u>  | European<br>Union   | Date of<br>Distribution:<br>08 November<br>2023<br>Deadline for<br>Comments:<br>06 January<br>2024 | Passenger cars<br>and vans (M1 and<br>N1 category<br>vehicles), and<br>systems,<br>components and<br>separate technical<br>units for such<br>vehicles : eCall | The eCall system automatically<br>dials the European emergency<br>number 112 in the event of a<br>serious road accident, thus<br>reducing the response time and<br>saving lives. Currently, the 112-<br>based eCall systems work over<br>circuit-switched mobile networks<br>(2G/3G). Given the plans<br>announced by mobile network<br>operators in the EU gradually to<br>phase out circuit-switched<br>networks by 2030, there is an<br>urgent need to provide for the<br>application of the packet-switched<br>eCall standards (4G/5G) from 1<br>January 2026. |
| <u>G/TBT/N/US</u><br><u>A/2064</u> | United<br>States    | Date of<br>Distribution:<br>06 November<br>2023  | Products sold on<br>the internet and in<br>catalogs   | The proposal intends to make the<br>Proposition 65 short-form warning<br>more informative to consumers,<br>clarify existing safe harbor  |

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

| Deadline for<br>Comments:<br>20 December<br>2023 | warning requirements for products<br>sold on the internet and in<br>catalogs, add signal word options<br>for food warnings, clarify that<br>short-form warnings may be used<br>to provide safe harbor warnings<br>for food products, and provide<br>new tailored safe harbor warnings<br>for passenger or off-highway<br>motor vehicle parts and<br>recreational marine vessel parts. |
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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 <u>BPS@dti.gov.ph</u> copy <u>bps.smd@dti.gov.ph</u>.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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