

29 September 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 09 to 15 September 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the four (4) notified draft technical regulations from three (3) WTO Members:

| Document Symbol                 | Notifying Member | Relevant Dates   | Products Covered                                  | Summary  |
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| <a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/1007</a> | European Union   | <b>Date of Distribution:</b><br>14 September 2023<br><br><b>Deadline for Comments:</b><br>12 November 2023 | Vehicles running exclusively on CO2 neutral fuels | This draft Commission Regulation amends Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1151 in order to allow type approval of vehicles running exclusively on CO2 neutral fuels  |
| <a href="#">G/TBT/N/TH/712</a>  | Thailand         | <b>Date of Distribution:</b><br>11 September 2023<br><br><b>Deadline for Comments:</b><br>09 November 2023 | Electric unicycle                                 | The draft notification prescribes the electric unicycle as label controlled products. This draft notification applies to an electric unicycle, a set of devices for making the body move by the user or the driver must maintain balance and control the speed to move forward and backward or twist to go sideways. The main component is only one spinning wheel and consumes the energy from electrical energy accumulators such as batteries and capacitors. In this regard, it shall include the unicycle electric bike or any other vehicle with an electric single wheel as a component. The label of this label-controlled product shall indicate the text, pictures, artificial designs or image as appropriate, and shall not cause misunderstanding about the essence of the product. The label also shall be in Thai language or a foreign language with Thai for explanation. |

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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)

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|                                     |               |   |   | The label of this label-controlled product does not apply to the label of products manufactured for export and not for sale in Thailand.  |
| <a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/1533/A/1</a> | United States | <p><b>Date of Distribution:</b><br/>11 September 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b><br/>06 November 2023</p> | Motor vehicles : occupant crash protection - Addendum | The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act of 2012 (MAP-21) directs NHTSA to initiate a rulemaking proceeding to amend Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 208, "Occupant crash protection," to require a seat belt use warning system for rear seats. Pursuant to this mandate and following on an earlier Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, NHTSA is proposing to require a seat belt warning system for the rear seats of passenger cars, trucks, most buses, and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) or less. This document also proposes to enhance the existing front seat belt warning requirements, including requiring a seat belt warning for the front outboard passenger seat and increasing the duration of the warning. |
| <a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/2043</a>     | United States | <p><b>Date of Distribution:</b><br/>11 September 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b><br/>06 November 2023</p> | Crash test dummy                                      | This document proposes to amend NHTSA's regulations to include an advanced crash test dummy, the Test Device for Human Occupant Restraint (THOR) 50th percentile adult male (THOR-50M). The dummy represents an adult male of roughly average height and weight and is designed for use in frontal crash tests. NHTSA plans to issue a separate NPRM to amend Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 208, "Occupant crash protection," to specify the THOR-50M as an alternative (at the vehicle manufacturer's option) to the 50th percentile adult male dummy currently specified in FMVSS No. 208 for use in frontal crash compliance tests.  |

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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