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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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 28 October to 03 November 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulation from United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/1818/A/1</a>	United States	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 3 November 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated</p>	Fire safety of small passenger vessels - Addendum	The Coast Guard announces the availability of Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance (CG-CVC) Policy Letter 23-03, titled "'Covered Small Passenger Vessel' Fire Safety Interim Rule Implementation". The policy letter describes how the U.S. Coast Guard plans to enforce multiple regulatory requirements found in the Fire Safety of Small Passenger Vessels interim rule, including means of escape requirements.

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](mailto:BPS@dti.gov.ph) copy [bps.smd@dti.gov.ph](mailto:bps.smd@dti.gov.ph).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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