

19 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 07 to 13 October 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Republic of Korea and United States:

| Document Symbol | Notifying Member | Relevant Dates | Products Covered | Summary |
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| G/TBT/N/KOR/1175 | Republic of Korea | <p>Date of Distribution: 12 October 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 10 December 2023</p> | EMC (Electromagnetic Compatibility) equipments subject to conformity assessment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Easing the exemption confirmation process for equipment subject to conformity assessment exemption (Article 19, new paragraph 4, No. 5) - Improvements have been made to enable exemption from import requirements without a conformity assessment exemption confirmation procedure for equipment brought into the country for the purpose of re-export. o Improved clarification of classification system for equipment subject to conformity assessment (Annex 1, complete revision No. 11) - Provide judgment information and reorganize the classification system to clearly determine whether target equipment in the unclear and ambiguous electromagnetic compatibility field. |
| G/TBT/N/USA/1509/Add.1 | United States | <p>Date of Distribution: 13 October 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p> | Locomotive image and audio recording devices for passenger trains - Addendum | FRA is requiring the installation of inward- and outward- facing locomotive image recording devices on all lead locomotives in passenger trains, as required by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). |

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| | | | | In general, the final rule requires that these devices record while a lead locomotive is in motion and retain the data in a crashworthy memory module. The rule also treats locomotive-mounted recording devices on passenger locomotives as "safety devices" under existing Federal railroad safety regulations to prohibit tampering with or disabling them. |
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Sincerely,

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