

21 February 2024

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 10 to 16 February 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the twenty (20) notified draft technical regulations from Chile, China, Egypt, and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/C/HL/672	Chile	Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 February 2024	Energy efficiency labels	The notified technical specifications establish the energy efficiency labelling requirements for equipment with a standby mode.
G/TBT/N/C/HN/1812	China	Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 February 2024	Household and similar electrical appliances	This document specifies general principles, basic safety, health protection function, marking and instruction and corresponding test methods for health safety of household and similar electrical appliances. This document applies to the design, manufacturing, inspection, use, installation, maintenance, repair and other aspects of household and similar electrical appliances.
G/TBT/N/C/HN/1813	China	Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 February 2024	Household and similar electrical appliances	This document specifies the general principles, life cycle requirements, and product requirements for energy saving and environmental protection of household and similar electrical appliances. This document applies to the energy saving and environmental protection of household and similar electrical appliances and the production, installation and recycling stages thereof.

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

G/TBT/N/E GY/417	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 15 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 February 2024	Electric toilet appliances	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7296 which deals with the safety of electric toilet appliances having a rated voltage being not more than 250 V, in which excrement is stored, dried or destructed or which wash or dry parts of the human body. Examples of such electric toilets are the following and they can be used to process garbage such as paper and food waste. - Mouldering toilets; - Package toilets; - Freezing toilets; - Vacuum toilets.</p> <p>This standard also applies to electric equipment for use with conventional toilets. Examples of such electric equipment are - Automatic seat covering devices; - Hopping units;</p>
G/TBT/N/E GY/83/Add. 1	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 16 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Dishwashers - Addendum	<p>This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023(4 pages, in Arabic) that gives producers and importers a twelve -month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 7820 for "Energy efficiency of household and similar electrical appliances - methods for measuring and calculating energy consumption of residential dishwashers "(23 pages, in Arabic).</p> <p>It should be noted that the Ministerial Decree No. 975/2014 (3 pages, in Arabic) which was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/83 dated 29 May 2015, mandated among others the earlier version of this Egyptian standard.</p> <p>This standard cancels and supersedes its last edition in 2014.</p>
G/TBT/N/E GY/414	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 15 February 2024 Deadline for Comments:	Gas, oil and solid-fuel burning appliances having electrical connections	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7288 which deals with the safety of gas, oil and solid-fuel burning appliances having electrical connections, for</p>

		14 February 2024		<p>household and similar purposes, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances.</p> <p>This standard covers the electrical safety and some other safety aspects of these appliances. All safety aspects are covered when the appliance also complies with the relevant standard for the fuel-burning appliance. If the appliance incorporates electric heating sources, safety aspects concerning these electric sources are covered when the appliance also complies with the relevant part 2 of IEC 60335. Examples of appliances within the scope of this standard are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Central heating boilers; – Commercial catering equipment; –Cooking appliances; Laundry and cleaning appliances; – Room heaters; – Warm air heaters; – Water heaters.
G/TBT/NE GY/416	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 15 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 14 February 2024</p>	Electric fabric steamers	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7295 which deals with the safety of electric fabric steamers intended for household and similar purposes, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V including direct current (DC) supplied appliances and battery-operated appliances.</p> <p>Appliances not intended for normal household use, but that nevertheless possibly pose a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops, laundries and dry cleaners, are within the scope of this standard. As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account: – Persons (including children) whose</p>

				<p>physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Children playing with the appliance. <p>Attention is drawn to the fact that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – For appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements can be necessary; – In many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.
G/TBT/NE/GY/418	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 15 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 14 February 2024</p>	Electric commercial amusement machines and personal service machines	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7298 which deals with the safety of electric commercial amusement machines and personal service machines, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances. Examples of appliances that are within the scope of this standard are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amusement machines; - Tables; - Bowling machines; - Dartboards; - Driving simulators; - Gaming machines; - Kiddie rides; - Laser shooting appliances; - Pinball machines; - Video games; - Personal service machines; - Card re-value machines; - Currency dispensers; - Luggage lockers; - Weighing machines; - Shoe shining appliances.
G/TBT/NE/GY/419	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 15 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments:</p>	Electric foot warmers and heating mats	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7299 which deals with the safety of electric foot warmers and heating mats for</p>

		14 February 2024		household and similar purposes, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V. Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard. As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction. It also does not take into account children playing with the appliance.
G/TBT/NE GY/420	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 16 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 15 February 2024</p>	High pressure cleaners and steam cleaners	The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7300 which deals with the safety of high-pressure cleaners without traction drive, intended for household and commercial indoor or outdoor use, having a rated pressure not less than 2,5 MPa and not exceeding 35 MPa. It also applies to steam cleaners and those parts of hot water high pressure cleaners incorporating a steam stage which have a capacity not exceeding 100 l, a rated pressure not exceeding 2,5 MPa and a product of capacity and rated pressure not exceeding 5 MPa. They are not equipped with a traction drive. The following power systems of the drive for the high-pressure pump are covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mains powered motors up to a rated voltage of 250 V for single-phase machines and 480 V for other machines, - Battery-operated motors, - Internal

				combustion engines, - Hydraulic or pneumatic motors.
G/TBT/NE GY/421	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 16 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 15 February 2024</p>	Outdoor barbecues	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7301 which deals with the safety of outdoor barbecues for household and similar use, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V. Appliances not intended for normal household use but that nevertheless can be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops, restaurants, hotels, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard.</p> <p>As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account: - Persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction; - Children playing with the appliance.</p> <p>Attention is drawn to the fact that - For appliances intended to be used on board ships, additional requirements may be necessary; - In many countries, additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.</p>
G/TBT/NE GY/422	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 16 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 15 February 2024</p>	Electrical heating appliances for breeding and rearing animals	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7303 which deals with the safety of all kinds of electrical heating appliances used for livestock rearing and breeding, such as: heat-radiating appliances, electrical sitting-hens, incubators,</p>

				<p>chicken breeding units and heating plates for animals, the rated voltage of the appliances being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances.</p> <p>This standard applies to heating appliances used for livestock rearing and breeding that include an electrical motor.</p>
G/TBT/NE GY/423	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 16 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 15 February 2024</p>	Household and similar electrical appliances : whirlpool baths and whirlpool spas	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7308 which deals with the safety of electric whirlpool baths for indoor use and whirlpool spas, for household and similar use, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances, including direct current (DC) supplied appliances and battery-operated appliances. This standard also applies to appliances for circulating air or water in conventional baths. This standard applies to factory-built self-contained whirlpool baths or whirlpool spas in which all controls and components are integral parts of the appliance and are located within or affixed to the whirlpool bath or whirlpool spa structure. Appliances not intended for normal household use but that nevertheless can be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in hotels, fitness centres and similar places, are within the scope of this standard. As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without

				<p>supervision or instruction; - Children playing with the appliance.</p> <p>Attention is drawn to the fact that - For appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements can be necessary; - In many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national water supply authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.</p>
G/TBT/N/E GY/424	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 16 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 15 February 2024</p>	Electrical appliances for use with aquariums and garden ponds	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7310 which deals with the safety of electric appliances for use with aquariums and garden ponds for household and similar purposes, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V, including direct current (DC) supplied appliances and battery-operated appliances. Examples of appliances that this standard is applicable to are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aerators; - Aquarium heaters; - Automatic food dispensers; - Sludge-suction appliances. <p>Appliances not intended for normal household use but that nevertheless can be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops and in light industry and farms, are within the scope of this standard.</p> <p>As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account - Persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children playing with the

				<p>appliance.</p> <p>Attention is drawn to the fact that - For appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements can be necessary; - In many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.</p>
G/TBT/NE/GY/425	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 16 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 15 February 2024</p>	<p>Surface-cleaning appliances for household use employing liquids or steam</p>	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7311 which deals with the safety of electric cleaning appliances for household use that are intended for cleaning surfaces by using liquid cleansing agents or steam, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V including direct current (DC) supplied appliances and battery-operated appliances. It also covers wallpaper strippers and surface cleaning appliances incorporating heating elements or means for pressurizing the liquid container.</p> <p>As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account – Persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction; – Children playing with the appliance.</p>
G/TBT/NE/GY/426	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 16 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 15 February 2024</p>	<p>Household and similar electrical appliances : sauna heating appliances and infrared cabins</p>	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7312 which deals with the safety of electric sauna heating appliances and infrared emitting units having a rated power input not exceeding 20 kW, their rated voltage being not more</p>

				<p>than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances. The appliances covered by this standard are intended for use in the home and in public saunas located in blocks of flats, hotels and similar locations. This standard also deals with the safety of electric sauna heating appliances provided with a humidifier unit, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances. The room air is humidified by evaporating or atomising water.</p>
G/TBT/NE GY/427	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 16 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 15 February 2024</p>	Household and similar electrical appliances : appliances for skin exposure to optical radiation	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7314 which deals with the safety of electrical appliances incorporating emitters for exposing the skin to optical radiation (wavelength 100 nm to 1 mm), for household and similar use, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances.</p> <p>Battery-operated appliances and other DC supplied appliances are within the scope of this standard. Dual supply appliances, either mains-supplied or battery-operated, are regarded as battery-operated appliances when operated in the battery mode.</p> <p>As far as practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons using the appliances in tanning salons, beauty parlours and similar premises or at home. However, in general, it does not take into account: – Persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction;</p>
G/TBT/NE GY/428	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution:</p>	Household and similar	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) gives</p>

		<p>16 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 14 February 2024</p>	<p>electrical appliances : food waste disposers</p>	<p>producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7316 which deals with the safety of electric food waste disposers for household and similar purposes, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V including direct current (DC) supplied appliances and battery-operated appliances. Appliances not intended for normal household use but that nevertheless possibly pose a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard. As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account: – Persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction; – Children playing with the appliance. Attention is drawn to the fact that: – For appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements can be necessary; – In many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour, the national water supply authorities and similar authorities, leading to restriction of or prohibition of the installation of food waste disposers.</p>
<p>G/TBT/N/US/998/Rev.1</p>	<p>United States</p>	<p>Date of Distribution: 15 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments:</p>	<p>Residential conventional ovens - Revision</p>	<p>The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including consumer conventional cooking products. In</p>

		03 June 2024		this notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR"), the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes new and amended energy conservation standards for consumer conventional cooking products identical to those set forth in a direct final rule published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register. If DOE receives adverse comment and determines that such comment may provide a reasonable basis for withdrawal of the direct final rule, DOE will publish a notice of withdrawal and will proceed with this proposed rule.
G/TBT/N/US/998/Rev.1/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 16 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 03 June 2024	Residential conventional ovens - Addendum	The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including consumer conventional cooking products. In this direct final rule, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is adopting new and amended energy conservation standards for consumer conventional cooking products. DOE has determined that the new and amended energy conservation standards for these products would result in significant conservation of energy, and are technologically feasible and economically justified.

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