

31 January 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 20 to 26 January 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the three (3) notified draft technical regulations from United States and The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu :

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/T PKM/436/A dd.1	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 26 January 2024  Deadline for Comments: 24 March 2024	Children's bedguards for domestic use - Addendum	This addendum notification is to re-notify G/TBT/N/TPKM/436, which was issued on 12 October 2020 and did not enter into force due to the outbreak of COVID-19. The technical requirements notified in this addendum notification remain unchanged compared to the one in G/TBT/N/TPKM/436. A 60-day comment period is provided.
G/TBT/N/U SA/583/Re v.1/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 22 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 06 May 2024	Residential refrigerators, refrigerator- freezers, and freezers - 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 refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers. In this direct final rule, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is adopting amended energy conservation standards for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers. DOE has determined that the 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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G/TBT/N/U	United	Date of	Residential	Energy Conservation
SA/583/Re	States	Distribution:	refrigerators,	Program: Energy
v.2/Corr.1		22 January 2024	refrigerator-	Conservation Standards for
			freezers, and	Refrigerators, Refrigerator
		Deadline for	freezers -	Freezers, and Freezers,
		Comments:	Corrigendum	Direct final rule published
		Not Indicated		17 January 2024 will be
				notified as
				G/TBT/N/USA/583/Rev.1/A
				dd.1

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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