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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) from 24 February to 01 March 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the seven (7) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/B/RA/1523	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 26 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable	Refrigerators and freezers	Approval of the Target Program for Refrigerators and Freezers in the Annex to this Resolution.
G/TBT/N/C/AN/716	Canada	Date of Distribution: 26 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 19 May 2024	Portable electric heaters	Portable electric heaters have moved from "Table 1: Identification of hazards of concern" to "Table 2: Comment period for danger to human health or safety assessments" in the General Prohibitions process. Health Canada uses a 3-step process to determine whether a class of consumer products poses a danger to human health or safety: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table 1: Identification (Hazards of Concern); • Table 2: Comment Period (Danger to Human Health or Safety Assessments); and • Table 3: Determination (Notice of Danger to Human Health or Safety) Health Canada is therefore proposing that all portable electric heaters in Canada must meet the following standards and testing criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSA C22.2 NO. 46-13 (R2018) – Electric Air-Heaters, or CAN/CSA E60335-2-30:13 (R2018) – Household and similar electrical appliances - Safety - Part 2-30: Particular requirements

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				<p>for room heaters (Adopted IEC/CEI 60335-2 30:2009, fifth edition, 2009-11, with Canadian deviations) or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance criteria that are equivalent, as determined by Health Canada. <p>Health Canada defines a portable electric heater for this proposal as a cord-connected appliance that heats the surrounding air and/or objects, constructed for use in more than one location.</p> <p>The proposal includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All types of portable electric heaters, including but not limited to: convection heaters, fan-forced heaters, portable baseboard heaters, radiant heaters, liquid filled radiator-style heaters. • Portable electric heaters that can operate both mounted and freestanding. • Portable electric heaters that incorporate other functions, such as fan-only modes and air cleaning. <p>And excludes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanently connected electric heaters. Fuel-burning heaters. <p>Health Canada invites stakeholders to provide comments during this consultation period from February 19, 2024 to May 19, 2024. Health Canada will consider these comments when making a determination on whether there is a danger to human health or safety.</p>
G/TBT/N/ISR/1320	Israel	<p>Date of Distribution: 28 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 27 April 2024</p>	Household refrigerating appliances	<p>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 62552 part 1, dealing with household refrigerating appliances. This proposed standard revision adopts the European Standard EN 62552-1: April 2020, with a few national deviations that appear in the standard's Hebrew section as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds Section 201 - Changes to Section 4 dealing with classifications; • Adds to Annex ZB a few national normative references. <p>Both the old standard and this</p>

				new revised standard will apply from entry into force of this revision for a period of two years. During this time, products may be tested according to the old or the new revised standard.
G/TBT/N/ISR/1321	Israel	<p>Date of Distribution: 29 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 28 April 2024</p>	Household refrigerating appliances	<p>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 62552 part 2, dealing with household refrigerating appliances. This proposed standard revision adopts the European Standard EN 62552-2: April 2020, with a few changes that appear in the standard's Hebrew section. The major difference between the old version and this new revised proposed standard is the removal of the volume limitation requirement.</p> <p>All sections of this revised standard will be mandatory after the entry into force, except for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7 - Cooling capacity test; • Section 9 - Automatic ice-making capacity test; • Annex A - Pull-down test; • Annex D - Water vapour condensation test. <p>Both the old standard and this new revised standard will apply from entry into force of this revision for a period of two years. During this time, products may be tested according to the old or the new revised standard.</p>
G/TBT/N/JPN/793/Add.1	Japan	<p>Date of Distribution: 01 March 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Specified electrical appliances and materials - Addendum	<p>The newly revised Electrical Appliances and Materials Safety Act will include a provision that an "international certificate" stipulated in Article 35 of the Act for Mutual Recognition between Japan and Foreign States on the Results of Conformity Assessments for Specified Equipment (MRA Act) is treated equally as the certificate issued by the foreign registered conformity assessment bodies registered under the Electrical Appliances and Materials Safety Act.</p>
G/TBT/N/KOR/1201	Republic of Korea	<p>Date of Distribution:</p>	Electrical appliances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New designated products with scope, energy efficiency

		27 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 26 April 2024		standards and test methods : steam closet, bidet • Revision of energy efficiency standards : Rice cooker, Electric range, Electric fan heater
G/TBT/N/R WA/1001	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 27 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 26 April 2024	Ethanol gel for cooking and other burning appliances	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for ethanol gel for cooking and for other burning appliances.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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