

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 four (4) notified draft technical regulations from Argentina, Israel, and Republic of Korea:

| Document Symbol | Notifying Member | Relevant Dates | Products Covered | Summary |
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| G/TBT/N/ARG/297/Add.18 | Argentina | Date of Distribution: 26 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated | Low Voltage Electrical Products - Addendum | Draft Resolution amending Resolution No. 169/2018 of the SECRETARIAT OF COMMERCE, which aims to repeal Resolution No. 1495/23 of the Secretariat of Commerce and Provision No. 33/23 of the National Directorate of Regulations technical procedures, as well as to introduce modifications to the Regime established by Resolution No. 169/18 of the Secretariat of Commerce (G/TBT/N/ARG/297/Add.11-17). |
| G/TBT/N/ISR/1307 | Israel | Date of Distribution: 22 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 20 March 2024 | Luminaires | First amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 20 part 2.4. This amendment announces that this standard replaces both the previous edition of SI 20 part 2.4 and SI 20 part 2.7. Following the entry into force of this amendment, the requirements of the mandatory standard SI 20 part 2.7, dealing with portable luminaires for garden use, will be declared voluntary and SI 20 part 2.4 will apply to all types of portable luminaires. |
| G/TBT/N/ISR/1308 | Israel | Date of Distribution: 24 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 22 March 2024 | Luminaires: portable luminaires for garden use | The existing Mandatory Standard, SI 20 part 2.7, dealing with portable luminaires for garden use, shall be declared voluntary. The safety requirements for these products are included under the scope of a different mandatory standard, SI 20 part 2.4, dealing with portable general-purpose luminaires. The entry into force of this declaration is coordinated with the |

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| | | | | publication of the proposed Amendment no. 1 of SI 20 part 2.4, expending its scope to apply to portable luminaires for garden use, notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/1307. This declaration aims to remove unnecessary obstacles to trade and lower trade barriers. |
| G/TBT/N/KOR/1194 | Republic of Korea | Date of Distribution: 26 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 24 March 2024 | Button/coin primary lithium batteries | Establishing safety requirements for primary lithium batteries and application of child-resistant packaging for button/coin primary lithium batteries that do not apply to the current safety verification criteria for primary batteries. |

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Thank you.

Sincerely,


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