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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 10 to 16 February 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the fourteen (14) notified draft technical regulations from China, Thailand, Uganda, and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/C HN/1803	China	Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 April 2024	Automatic sprinkler system : glass separation sprinklers	This document specifies the classification, nominal flow coefficient, interface thread, color mark, specifications, requirements, test methods, inspection rules, operating manual, packaging, transportation and storage for glass separation sprinklers of automatic sprinkler system. This document applies to glass separation sprinklers of automatic sprinkler systems. This document doesn't apply to sprinklers, early suppression fast response (ESFR) sprinklers, domestic sprinklers, specific application sprinklers, and open/close sprinklers.
G/TBT/N/C HN/1806	China	Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 April 2024	Fire suction hose	This document specifies the terms and definitions, classification and models, technical requirements, test methods, inspection rules, and markings of fire suction hoses. This document applies to the type inspection and production inspection of fire suction hose for water and foam extinguishing agent.
G/TBT/N/C HN/1807	China	Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024	Remote-monitoring system of urban fire protection : user	This document specifies the terms and definitions of user information transmission device, specifies the requirements, inspection rules and signs, and describes the corresponding tests.

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- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
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		Deadline for Comments: 11 April 2024	information transmission device	This document applies to the design, manufacture and inspection of user information transmission device for remote-monitoring system of urban fire protection used in general industrial and civil buildings.
G/TBT/N/C HN/1808	China	Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 April 2024	Point-type smoke detectors	This document specifies the classification, requirements, inspection rules and signs of point-type smoke detectors, and describes the corresponding tests. This document applies to the design, manufacture and inspection of point-type smoke detectors products used in industrial and civil buildings.
G/TBT/N/C HN/1809	China	Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 April 2024	Fire alarm control units	This document specifies the terms and definitions of fire alarm control units, specifies the classification and naming, requirements, inspection rules and signs, and describes the corresponding tests. This document applies to the design, manufacture and inspection of fire alarm control units products used in industrial and civil buildings.
G/TBT/N/C HN/1810	China	Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 April 2024	Fire emergency lighting and evacuate indicating system	The document specifies the terms and definitions, classification, requirements, testing, inspection rules, signs, and user manuals of fire emergency lighting and evacuate indicating system. The document applies to the design, manufacturing, and inspection of fire emergency lighting and evacuate indicating system used in industrial and civil buildings.
G/TBT/N/C HN/1811	China	Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 April 2024	Portable X-ray security inspection equipment	This document specifies the classification, technical requirements, test methods, inspection rules, packaging, marking, storage and transportation as well as the requirements of random technical documents of portable X ray security inspection equipment, describes the experimental methods and establishes the inspection rules. This document applies to the

				design, manufacture and inspection of various portable X ray security inspection equipment.
G/TBT/N/C HN/1814	China	Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 April 2024	Fire hose	This document specifies the terms and definitions, models, performance requirements, test methods, inspection rules, marking, packaging, transportation, use, and maintenance of fire hoses. This document applies to fire hoses used by firefighting and rescue teams, fixed firefighting facilities, water supply and drainage, etc.
G/TBT/N/C HN/1815	China	Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 April 2024	Outdoor fire hydrant	This document specifies the terms and definitions, classification and model, technical requirements, test methods, inspection rules, marking and packaging of outdoor fire hydrants. This document applies to all kinds of outdoor fire hydrants and their accessories in fire water supply pipelines.
G/TBT/N/C HN/1816	China	Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 April 2024	Siamese connection	The document specifies terms and definitions, classifications, technical requirements, test methods, inspection rules, symbols and packaging of siamese connections. The document applies to all kinds of siamese connections in fire pipes.
G/TBT/N/C HN/1826	China	Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 April 2024	Exhaust pollutants from locomotive and its engines	The proposal regulates limits and measurement methods for exhaust pollutants from locomotive and its engines. The limits of exhaust pollutants of Stages I and II are equivalent to Stages IIIA and IIIB in the Regulation (EU) 2016/1628 of the European Parliament and of the Council, respectively. The technical requirements for type test, conformity of production and durability are also specified in the proposal.
G/TBT/N/T HA/727	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024	Industrial products for mercury-added electrical and	The draft Ministerial Regulation mandates the following mercury-added electrical and electronic equipment to conform to TIS 3604-25XX (20XX) Mercury-Added Product –

		Deadline for Comments: 11 April 2024	electronic equipment	Restriction of the Use of Mercury. 1. Button zinc silver oxide batteries 2. Button zinc air batteries 3. Inclination switches 4. Temperature switches 5. Electronic acceleration switches (G sensors) 6. Overcurrent protection switches 7. Switches and relays for measurement, control, and transmission 8. Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) 9. Linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs) 10. Cold cathode fluorescent lamps (CCFL) and external electrode fluorescent lamps (EEEL)
G/TBT/NU/ GA/202/Ad d.1	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Protective helmet for motorcyclists - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to update WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; FDUS 774, Protective helmet for motorcyclists - Specification; notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/202 and was withdrawn on 1 December 2023.
G/TBT/NU/ SA/1863/A dd.4	United States	Date of Distribution: 15 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 15 March 2024	Electric arc furnaces and argon-oxygen decarburization - Addendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking interim final action on corrections and clarifications to the new source performance standards (NSPS) for electric arc furnaces and argon-oxygen decarburization vessels in the steel industry. The corrections and clarifications are being made to address unintended and inadvertent errors in the recently finalized standards.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,


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