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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 13 to 19 January 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Hongkong and United Arab Emirates:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/H KG/56	Hong Kong	Date of Distribution: 17 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 16 March 2024	Air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment, and fire suppression system, that contains or is designed to operate on any hydrofluorocarbons	The proposal sets out different control strategies which facilitates HFC phasedown, and supports an orderly and smooth transition to the use of low Global Warming Potential (GWP) alternatives. One of the strategies is to introduce a new regulation to prohibit the import, manufacture, supply and sale of those equipment and products using HFCs with GWP greater than the prescribed limit.
G/TBT/NA RE/600	United Arab Emirates	Date of Distribution: 17 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 16 March 2024	Simple pressure vessels	1. This GCC Technical Regulation is concerned with simple pressure vessels ('vessels') manufactured in series with the following characteristics: (a) the vessels are welded, intended to be subjected to an internal gauge pressure greater than 0,5 bar and to contain air or nitrogen, and are not intended to be fired; (b) the parts and assemblies contributing to the strength of the vessel under pressure are made either of non-alloy quality steel or of non-alloy aluminium or non-age hardening aluminium alloys; (c) the vessel is made of either of the following elements: i - a cylindrical part of circular cross-section closed by outwardly dished and/or flat ends which revolve around the same axis as

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				<p>the cylindrical part; ii - two dished ends revolving around the same axis. (d) the maximum working pressure of the vessel does not exceed 30 bar and the product of that pressure and the capacity of the vessel (PS x V) does not exceed 10 000 bar.L; (e) the minimum working temperature is no lower than – 50 °C and the maximum working temperature is not higher than 300 °C for steel and 100 °C for aluminium or aluminium alloy vessels.</p> <p>2. This Technical Regulation shall not apply to: (a) vessels specifically designed for nuclear use, failure of which may cause an emission of radioactivity; (b) vessels specifically intended for installation in or the propulsion of ships and aircraft; (c) fire extinguishers.</p>
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Sincerely,

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