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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 notified draft technical regulation from Israel:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/ISR/1316	Israel	<p>Date of Distribution: 15 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 14 April 2024</p>	Products and commodities subject to mandatory standards and classified to the regulatory import groups 2 and 3	<p>The Minister of Economy and Industry had signed the sixth law amending Israel's Import and Export Decree. This amendment creates a significant reform in Israel's import regime. It eases import requirements applying to products and commodities subject to Mandatory Standards and classified to the regulatory Import groups 2 and 3, such as toys, electrical and electronic products, tableware, cleaning materials, faucets, construction materials, etc.</p> <p>The reform allows the importation of various products without the preliminary requirements to perform a model or a compliance test. It will rely on an importer's Declaration of Conformity. These acts will be backed up with an enhancement of market surveillance. The law includes the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Entry into force immediately (17 January 2024): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Changes in the timeline allowed for market surveillance control. It extends to 144 hours, the maximum time allowed for inspection and submission of a Product File required for inspection. o Changes in the documentation required to substantiate an

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				<p>importer's Declaration of Conformity.</p> <p>2. Entry into force of the reform (1 July 2024, with an option to postpone for an additional three months):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Eliminates the need to submit requests to a testing laboratory for the release of shipments on declaration routes; o Removes the obligation to keep a compliance certificate in the Product File required in import group 3 for one year; o Cancels of the Importer's Register at the Ministry of Economy and Industry; o Simplifies the possibility of moving to carry out compliance tests in a laboratory different from the one where the model was approved; o Expands the powers given to the Commissioner of Standardization against importers that breach trust; o Obliges the testing laboratory to provide information about standard certificates issued by them; o Reduces the penalty for importers who performed a preliminary voluntary test; o Doubles the sanction amount for an importer who does not hold a Product File as required.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,



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