

24 April 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 06 to 12 April 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the six (6) notified draft technical regulations from Chile and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/C/HL/646/Add.1	Chile	Date of Distribution: 09 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Electrical clothes dryers - Addendum	The Republic of Chile hereby advises that the Electricity and Fuel Board (SEC) safety analysis and/or test protocol for electrical products, notified on 29 June 2023 in document G/TBT/N/CHL/646, will enter into force on 31 March 2025 pursuant to SEC Official Note No. 205286 approving and/or amending certain protocols.
G/TBT/N/C/HL/648/Add.1	Chile	Date of Distribution: 09 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Refrigerators , refrigerator-freezers and freezers for household use, with a rated voltage of not more than 250 V - Addendum	The Republic of Chile hereby advises that the Electricity and Fuel Board (SEC) safety analysis and/or test protocol for electrical products, notified on 3 July 2023 in document G/TBT/N/CHL/648, will enter into force on 30 May 2025 pursuant to SEC Official Note No. 205286 approving and/or amending certain protocols.
G/TBT/N/C/HL/649/Add.1	Chile	Date of Distribution: 09 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Air conditioners for domestic use - Addendum	The Republic of Chile hereby advises that the Electricity and Fuel Board (SEC) safety analysis and/or test protocol for electrical products, notified on 3 July 2023 in document G/TBT/N/CHL/649, will enter into force on 30 June 2025 pursuant to SEC Official Note No. 205286 approving and/or amending certain protocols.
G/TBT/N/C/HL/655/Add.1	Chile	Date of Distribution: 09 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Air conditioners - Addendum	The Republic of Chile hereby advises that the Electricity and Fuel Board (SEC) safety analysis and/or test protocol for electrical products, notified on 19 July 2023 in document G/TBT/N/CHL/655, will enter into force on 30 June 2025 pursuant to SEC Official Note No. 205286 approving and/or amending certain protocols.
G/TBT/N/US/1717/R/ev.1/Add.3	United States	Date of Distribution: 09 April 2024	Consumer products and commercial / industrial	The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or the "Department") is revising its "Procedures, Interpretations, and Policies for Consideration of New or Revised

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- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
 - National Enquiry Point (NEP)
 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

		Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	equipment - Addendum	Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Consumer Products and Certain Commercial/Industrial Equipment." The revisions are consistent with current DOE practice and will allow DOE to better meet its statutory obligations under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act ("EPCA").
G/TBT/NU SA/552/Re v.3	United States	Date of Distribution: 09 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Air conditioners, heat pumps - Revision	Notice of proposed rulemaking and announcement of public meeting on 25 April 2024 - The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes to amend the Federal test procedure for central air conditioners and heat pumps ("CAC/HPs") to incorporate by reference the latest versions of the applicable industry standards. Specifically, DOE proposes: to amend the current test procedure for CAC/HPs ("appendix M1") for measuring the current cooling and heating metrics—seasonal energy efficiency ratio 2 ("SEER2") and heating seasonal performance factor 2 ("HSPF2"), respectively; and to establish a new test procedure ("appendix M2") for CAC/HPs that would adopt two new metrics—seasonal cooling and off-mode rating efficiency ("SCORE") and seasonal heating and off-mode rating efficiency ("SHORE"). Testing to the SCORE and SHORE metrics would not be required until such time as compliance is required with any amended energy conservation standard based on the new metrics.

To access the notification form, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink. Should you have any queries on this matter or request for full text of draft regulation in English, please do not hesitate to email us at BPS@dti.gov.ph copy bps.smd@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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