

14 March 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 02 to 08 March 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the seven (7) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NE/GY/431	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 04 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 02 May 2024	Gas cylinders : acetylene cylinders	The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 5436 which specifies minimum requirements for the filling conditions and filling inspection of acetylene cylinders.
G/TBT/NE/GY/432	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 04 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 02 May 2024	Gas cylinders : precautionary labels	The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 5437 which specifies the design, content (i.e. hazard symbols and text) and application of precautionary labels intended for use on individual gas cylinders containing single gases or gas mixtures. Labels for cylinders of bundles and labels for bundles are not covered by ISO 7225:2005
G/TBT/NS/AU/1327	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Date of Distribution: 04 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 02 May 2024	Large capacity air conditioners	This standard specifies the Minimum Energy Performance standard (MEPS) and testing requirements for large capacity air conditioners for the following main product categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrically operated air conditioners. • Condensing units. • Chillers. • Absorption chillers. • Electrically operated variable refrigerant flow (VRF) air conditioners. • Ceiling-mounted, Floor-Mounted air conditioners and condensing units serving computer rooms. The standard applies to air conditioners designed to operate with single-phase circuits or Three-phase circuits (Frequency of 60 Hz).

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Membership:

- 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)

G/TBT/N/TZA/1105	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 05 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 03 May 2024	Industrial gas cylinders	This standard covers the method of marking and colouring industrial gas cylinders both for steel and aluminium cylinder. It does not cover colour coding for medical cylinders.
G/TBT/N/USA/2102	United States	Date of Distribution: 07 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable	Biogas	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a public webinar on the Biogas Regulatory Reform Rule (BRRR) provisions of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program final rule for 2023-2025 on 4 April 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time. These regulatory provisions include registration and reporting, and updated regulatory provisions for the production, distribution, and use of biogas as a renewable fuel.
G/TBT/N/ESW/38	Eswatini	Date of Distribution: 04 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 13 April 2024	Fuel supply : petroleum licensees	This Standard is intended to give a common basis for evaluating quality of service for petroleum licensees in a constant manner, by outlining the minimum requirements for quality of service provided from wholesale to retail operations in Eswatini.
G/TBT/N/ESW/39	Eswatini	Date of Distribution: 05 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 13 April 2024	Petroleum retail outlets	This standard covers the requirement for planning, siting, design and construction of service stations for rural and urban areas, installation and operation of equipment in service stations for handling, storage and dispensing of petroleum products and their derivatives, other than equipment used in transportation. This standard act as a minimum guide for petroleum retail outlets which stores petroleum products and contains advice specifically in the operational management, maintenance, designing and constructing of the facilities;

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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