

26 February 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 10 to 16 February 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the three (3) notified draft technical regulations from Egypt, Thailand, and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NE/GY/408	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 15 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 April 2024	Steel pipe for pipeline transportation systems	The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 402 which specifies requirements for the manufacture of two product specification levels (PSL 1 and PSL 2) of seamless and welded steel pipes for use in pipeline transportation systems in the petroleum and natural gas industries. Worth mentioning is that this standard adopts the technical content of ISO 3183/2019.
G/TBT/NT/HA/728	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 14 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 13 April 2024	Canned liquefied petroleum gas products and portable gas stove products	The draft Notification of the Committee on Labels prescribes canned liquefied petroleum gas and portable gas stove products as label-controlled goods. This draft notification applies to the following products: 1. Canned liquefied petroleum gas products, which means a product containing gas liquid hydrocarbons, primarily one or a combination of propane or butane, in an aerosol can for a fuel with a capacity not exceeding 1 liter. 2. Portable gas stove products, which means cooking equipment that uses petroleum gas products in canned liquid as fuel. The label of label-controlled goods shall specify the statement, figure, artificial mark, or picture as appropriate, and shall not cause

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				<p>misunderstanding about the essence of the goods. The label also shall be in Thai language or a foreign language accompanied by Thai language to explain the meaning of the figure, artificial mark, or picture that can be visible and legible.</p> <p>The label of label-controlled goods does not apply to the label of label-controlled goods manufactured for export and not for sale in Thailand.</p>
G/TBT/NU SA/1871/A dd.4	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 12 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 23 February 2024</p>	Portable fuel containers - Addendum	<p>In August 2023, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) determined under the Portable Fuel Container Safety Act of 2020 (PFCSA) that ASTM F3429/F3429M 23 is a consumer product safety standard that impedes the propagation of flames into pre-filled portable fuel containers, and therefore incorporated the voluntary standard by reference as a mandatory rule. ASTM has since notified the Commission that it has revised this voluntary standard. CPSC seeks comment on whether the revision meets the PFCSA's requirements for adoption in the mandatory rule.</p>

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Thank you.

Sincerely,



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