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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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 10 to 16 February 2024.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/NA/US/166</a>	Australia	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 123 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 April 2024	Vehicle efficiency	The Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, is consulting on a 'New Vehicle Efficiency Standard' for light passenger and commercial vehicles supplied by manufacturers to Australia from 2025. This standard is intended to set a sales weighted average CO2 target for vehicle manufacturers supplying vehicles to Australia, along similar lines to standards adopted by the United States, European Union and New Zealand. The consultation Impact Analysis evaluates the costs and benefits of three possible approaches with varying levels of stringency.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NC/HN/1824</a>	China	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 12 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 April 2024	Electric vehicle coolant	This document specifies the product classifications, technical requirements and test methods, inspection rules, marking, packaging, transportation and storage for electric vehicle coolant. This document applies to the production, inspection and use of electric vehicles coolant, which is prepared with ethylene glycol as antifreeze used in the power battery thermal management system of electric vehicles.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NE/GY/407</a>	Egypt	<b>Date of Distribution:</b>	Motorcycle batteries	The Ministerial Decree No. 502 /2023 gives producers and importers a six-month transitional

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		<p>15 February 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 14 April 2024</p>		<p>period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 21-7 which is applicable to lead-acid batteries used primarily as a power source for the starting of internal combustion engines, lighting and ignition (SLI) of motorcycles and other power sport vehicles. The nominal voltage is 12 V or 6 V. Test definitions and criteria in this standard are for batteries with a nominal voltage of 12 V only. For batteries with a nominal voltage of 6 V, all voltages have to be divided by two.</p> <p>The other power sports vehicles covered in this standard are snowmobiles, personal water crafts and all-terrain vehicles.</p> <p>This standard is not applicable to batteries for other purposes, such as the back-up power sources, auxiliary equipment of internal combustion engine vehicles and e-bikes.</p> <p>This standard specifies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• general requirements;</li> <li>• size, essential functional characteristics, relevant test methods and results required.</li> </ul> <p>Worth mentioning is that this standard is technically identical with IEC 60095-7/2019.</p>
<p><a href="#">G/TBT/NE GY/409</a></p>	Egypt	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 15 February 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 14 April 2024</p>	Inlet air cleaning equipment for internal combustion engines and compressor	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 918 which specifies uniform test procedures, conditions, equipment and a performance report to permit the direct laboratory performance comparison of air cleaners.</p> <p>The basic performance characteristics of greatest interest are air flow restriction or differential pressure, dust collection efficiency, dust capacity and oil carry-over on oil bath air cleaners. This test code therefore deals with the measurement of these parameters.</p> <p>This document is applicable to air cleaners used on internal combustion engines and compressors generally used in automotive and industrial</p>

				applications. Worth mentioning is that this standard adopts the technical content of ISO 5011:2020
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/1495/R/ev.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 13 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 27 February 2024	School bus construction - Revision	The Iowa Department of Education proposes removing rule language that recites statutory text, removing restrictive terms that do not contribute to health and safety, and removing obsolete or unnecessary requirements. The Department proposes adding rule language specific to buses with alternate fuel sources, such as electric buses (proposed subrule 44.3(25)). Even with this additional language, the Department's proposal reduces the regulatory burden in this chapter.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/2036/A/dd.4</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 15 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Heavy-duty engine and vehicle omnibus regulation - Addendum	The California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff invites you to participate remotely in a public workshop to discuss proposed amendments to the Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Omnibus (Omnibus) Regulation. The proposed amendment would primarily align the Omnibus regulation's requirements for new 2027 and subsequent model year (MY) heavy-duty (HD) engines with the corresponding provisions of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Clean Trucks Plan oxides of nitrogen (EPA-NOx) rule.

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