

24 January 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 13 to 19 January 2024.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NT/HA/586/Re v.3	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 16 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 15 March 2024	Vehicles with regard to the protection of the occupants in the event of a frontal collision - Revision	This draft Ministerial Regulation mandates the following vehicles to conform with the Thai Industrial Standard for Vehicles with regard to the Protection of the Occupants in the Event of a Frontal Collision (TIS 2400-256X(202X)). 1. Vehicles of category M1 with a total permission mass not exceeding 3,500 kg 2. Vehicles of category N1 with a total permission mass not exceeding 2,500 kg
G/TBT/NT/HA/587/Re v.3	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 16 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 15 March 2024	Vehicles with regard to the protection of the occupants in the event of a lateral collision - Revision	This draft Ministerial Regulation mandates the following vehicles to conform with the Thai Industrial Standard for Vehicles with regard to the Protection of the Occupants in the Event of a Lateral Collision (TIS 2399-256X(202X)). 1. Vehicles of category M1 with a maximum permission mass not exceeding 3,500 kg 2. Vehicles of category M1 with a maximum permission mass exceeding 3,500 kg where the "R" point of the lowest seat is not more than 700 mm from ground level when the vehicle is in the condition corresponding to the reference mass 3. Vehicles of category N1
G/TBT/NT/SA/2089	United States	Date of Distribution: 15 January 2024	Motor vehicle emission standards	Proposed rule - In response to a citizen petition, this new rule was proposed (refer to proposed rule number 2023-P101) to establish

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		<p>Deadline for Comments: 05 February 2024</p>	<p>motor vehicle emission standards for new passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles by incorporating the requirements of the California Advanced Clean Cars II regulations, beginning model year 2027.</p> <p>A public hearing on the proposed Chapter 127-A was held on 17 August 2023, and the comment period closed on 28 August 2023. A final vote on the proposed rule was scheduled for the Board meeting on 21 December 2023, however, due to the state of emergency resulting from the 18 December storm, that meeting was cancelled. This prevented a Board vote on whether to adopt the proposed rule, and forced any potential adoption beyond the rule's proposed effective date of 1 January 2024. This also prevents the rule from taking effect in time to apply to the 2027 model year. Therefore, the proposed rule has been amended to begin with model year 2028, and the Department is now requesting comments from the public concerning this substantive change. The Department has also proposed other non-substantive changes to the proposal.</p>
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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