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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) from 20 to 26 January 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the four (4) notified draft technical regulations from Israel:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<u>G/TBT/N/IS</u> <u>R/1310</u>	Israel	Date of Distribution: 26 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 24 March 2024	Plywood : plain plywood	Proposed 9th amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 37 part 1 dealing with plain plywood. This amendment changes the following: • Replaces Section 207 dealing with the emitting amount of formaldehyde, as included in amendment 8 (notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/1155). The requirements of this section are aligned with the International Standard ISO 12460-3:2015. Both the old standard and the new amended standard will apply from the date of entry into force of this amendment for a period of 12 months. During this time, products may be tested according to the old standard or the new amended standard.
<u>G/TBT/N/IS</u> <u>R/1311</u>	Israel	Date of Distribution: 26 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 24 March 2024	Plywood : batten plywood panels	<ul> <li>Proposed fourth amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 37 part 2 dealing with batten plywood panels. This amendment changes the following:</li> <li>Replaces paragraph 206 dealing with the emitting amount of formaldehyde, as included in amendment no. 3 (notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/1156). The requirements of this section are aligned with the International Standard ISO 12460-3:2015.</li> </ul>

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<u>G/TBT/N/IS</u> <u>R/1312</u>	Israel	Date of Distribution: 26 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 24 March 2024	Wood chipboards	Proposed 6th amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 887 dealing with wood chipboards. This amendment changes the following: • Replaces paragraph 322.1 dealing with the emitting amount of formaldehyde, as added in amendment 5 (notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/1157). The requirements of this section are aligned with the International Standard ISO 12460-3:2015. Both the old standard and the new amended standard will apply from the date of entry into force of this amendment for a period of 12 months. During this time, products may be tested according to the old standard or the new amended standard.
<u>G/TBT/N/IS</u> <u>R/1313</u>	Israel	Date of Distribution: 26 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 24 March 2024	Dry processed fiberboards	Draft third amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 1481 dealing with dry processed fiberboards. This amendment changes the following: • Replaces paragraph 3.10.1 dealing with the emitting amount of formaldehyde, as added in amendment 2 (notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/1162). The requirements of this section are aligned with the International Standard ISO 12460-3:2015. Both the old standard and the new amended standard will apply from the date of entry into force of this amendment for a period of 12 months. During this time, products may be tested according to the old

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Thank you.

Sincerely, FERDINAND L. MANFOSTE Officer-in-Charge