

20 June 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 08 to 14 June 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Chile, The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, United States, and Ecuador:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/C/HL/682</a>	Chile	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 June 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 13 August 2024	Brush cutter and grass trimmer	This protocol establishes the certification procedure and Safety requirements for “Portable brush cutters and grass trimmers that use liquid fuel internal combustion engines”, in accordance with the scope and field of application of the ISO 11806 standard. 1:2011.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/C/HL/683</a>	Chile	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 June 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 13 August 2024	Knapsack atomizers (Fumigator) powered by an internal combustion engine powered by liquid fuels	This protocol establishes the certification procedure and safety requirements for “Knapsack atomizers (Fumigator) powered by an internal combustion engine powered by liquid fuels,” in accordance with the scope and field of application of the ISO 28139:2009 standard.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/T/PKM/543</a>	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 June 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 13 August 2024	Pushchairs and prams	The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection intends to make changes to the inspection standards for pushchairs and prams by adopting the updated version of CNS 12940, which was published on 6 October 2022, to provide better protection of children. The new version of CNS 12940-1 and CNS 12940-2 adds new requirements for pushchairs for children between 15 kg to 22 kg, and integrated step platform.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/583/Rev.1/Add.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 June 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Residential refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers - Addendum	The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a direct final rule to establish new energy conservation standards for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers in the Federal Register on 17 January 2024 (and notified in G/TBT/N/USA/583/Rev.1/Add.1). DOE has determined that the comments received in response to the direct final

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				rule do not provide a reasonable basis for withdrawing the direct final rule.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1679/Add.3</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 June 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Amplifiers in home entertainment products - Addendum	The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission") issues final amendments to its Trade Regulation Rule Relating to Power Output Claims for Amplifiers Utilized in Home Entertainment Products ("Amplifier Rule" or "Rule"). The amendments require sellers making power-related claims to calculate power output using uniform testing methods to allow consumers to easily compare amplifier sound quality; prescribe disclosure language that improves differentiation between power output claims that comply with the Rule's testing methods and those that do not; and modernize as well as clarify Rule language considering the foregoing modifications.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/2003/Add.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 June 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Substitute refrigerants ; commercial and industrial refrigeration ; commercial refrigerating appliances and commercial ice machines - Addendum	Pursuant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Significant New Alternatives Policy program, this action lists several substitutes as acceptable, subject to use conditions, for retail food refrigeration, commercial ice machines, industrial process refrigeration, cold storage warehouses, and ice skating rinks. Through this action, EPA is incorporating by reference standards which establish requirements for commercial refrigerating appliances and commercial ice machines, safe use of flammable refrigerants, and safe design, construction, installation, and operation of refrigeration systems.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NT/PKM/542</a>	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 11 June 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 10 August 2024	Baby walking frames	The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection intends to make changes to the inspection standards for baby walking frames by adopting the updated version of CNS 13035, which was published on 16 January 2019, to provide better protection of children. The new version of CNS 13035 includes requirements for preventing the walkers from falling down stairs, and parking devices. The conformity assessment procedure is either Type Approved Batch Inspection or Registration of Product Certification (Module 2 + Module 3).
<a href="#">G/TBT/NE/CU/534</a>	Ecuador	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 10 June 2024	Toothbrushes	This Ecuadorian technical regulation applies to the following products, whether national or imported, that are marketed in Ecuador:

		<b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 9 August 2024		
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Sincerely,



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