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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 July 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Australia, Kingdom of Bahrain, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and United States:

| Document  | Notifying  | Relevant   | Products  | Summary   |
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| Symbol  | Member   | Dates  | Covered   |   |
| G/TBT/N/A<br>US/159/Ad<br>d.1                       | Australia  | Date of<br>Distribution:<br>26 July 2024<br>Deadline for<br>Comments:<br>Not indicated           | Infant sleep<br>products -<br>Addendum          | The ACCC has completed a review of<br>infant sleep products and recommended<br>that the Minister makes two new<br>mandatory standards. A new safety<br>standard that references existing<br>voluntary Australian standards along with<br>overseas standards and a new<br>information standard. The Minister has<br>agreed with the ACCC's recommendation,<br>and the new standards commenced on 19<br>July 2024. The new safety and<br>information standards are published on<br>the Federal Register of Legislation. |
| <u>G/TBT/N/B</u><br><u>HR/703</u>                   | Kingdom<br>of Bahrain                                | Date of<br>Distribution:<br>26 July 2024<br>Deadline for<br>Comments:<br>24<br>September<br>2024 | Electrical<br>clothes<br>dryers                 | A draft technical regulation that specifies<br>the Energy Performance, Testing and<br>Labelling Requirements of Clothes Dryers<br>and applies to clothes dryers with capacity<br>up to 25 kg, that operate in AC single-<br>phase of 230V with a frequency of 50 Hz.  |
| G/TBT/N/U<br>SA/508/Re<br>v.1/Add.3                 | United<br>States                                     | Date of<br>Distribution:<br>24 July 2024<br>Deadline for<br>Comments:<br>22 August<br>2024       | Water<br>heaters, pool<br>heaters -<br>Addendum | On 28 July 2023, the U.S. Department of<br>Energy ("DOE") published a notice of<br>proposed rulemaking ("NOPR"), in which<br>DOE proposed amended energy<br>conservation standards for consumer<br>water heaters ("July 2023 NOPR" notified<br>as G/TBT/N/USA/508/Rev.1). In this<br>notification of data availability ("NODA"),<br>DOE is updating portions of its analysis<br>for gas instantaneous water heaters. DOE<br>requests comments, data, and information<br>regarding the updated analysis.               |
| <u>G/TBT/N/B</u><br><u>DI/298/Add</u><br>. <u>1</u> | Burundi,<br>Kenya,<br>Rwanda,<br>Tanzania,<br>Uganda | Date of<br>Distribution:<br>23 July 2024<br>Deadline for   | Spring<br>mattress<br>Addendum                  | Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and<br>Uganda would like to inform WTO<br>Members that the Draft East African<br>Standard; DEAS 1115-2:2022, Mattresses<br>— Specification – Part 2: Spring mattress,<br>First Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/298,   |

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|                               |                  | Comments:<br>Not indicated |                        | G/TBT/N/KEN/1333, G/TBT/N/RWA/740,<br>G/TBT/N/TZA/858 and<br>G/TBT/N/UGA/1707 was adopted by the<br>East African Community Council of<br>Ministers on 14 June 2024 |
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| <u>G/TBT/N/U</u><br>SA/489/Ad | United<br>States | Date of<br>Distribution:   | Infant bath<br>seats - | The U.S. Consumer Product Safety<br>Commission's (Commission or CPSC)  |
| <u>d.5</u>                    |                  | 22 July 2024               | Addendum               | mandatory rule, Safety Standard for Infant<br>Bath Seats, incorporates by reference  |
|                               |                  | Deadline for<br>Comments:  |                        | ASTM F1967-19, Standard Consumer<br>Safety Specification for Infant Bath Seats.  |
|                               |                  | 1 August<br>2024           |                        | ASTM notified the Commission that it has<br>revised this incorporated voluntary  |
|                               |                  | 2024                       |                        | standard.  |

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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