

27 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) from 15 to 21 June 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Canada, Ecuador, and Viet Nam:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NC/AN/687/Ad d.1	Canada	Date of Distribution: 21 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Mercury-containing products - Addendum	The Amendments modify the Products Containing Mercury Regulations (the Regulations) to align with the requirements under the Minamata Convention on Mercury. The Regulations, which came into force in 2015, prohibit the manufacture and import of products containing mercury, with some exemptions for essential products which have no viable alternatives (for example lamps, certain health, safety and research applications and dental amalgam).
G/TBT/NE/CU/536	Ecuador	Date of Distribution: 17 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 16 August 2024	Low-power generating sets up to 12 kW and 1000 V, powered by alternative internal combustion engines (MCIA)	Low power generating sets of up to 12 kW and 1000 V, powered by alternative internal combustion engines (MCIA).
G/TBT/NV/NM/309	Viet Nam	Date of Distribution: 17 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 16 August 2024	Explosion-proof luminaires with voltage up to 220 V used in underground mine	This draft technical regulation specifies requirements for the technical specifications, safety and management of explosion-proof luminaires with a voltage of up to 220 V used in underground mines. This draft technical regulation applies to organizations and persons who manufacture, import, test, verify, and use explosion-proof luminaires with a voltage of up to 220 V used in underground mines in the territory of Vietnam and other relevant organizations and persons. This draft technical regulation does not apply to personal lighting used in underground mines.

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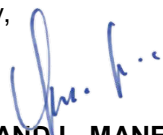
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. Manfoste', is written over the printed name.

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