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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 08 to 14 June 2024.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/USA/2003/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 14 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 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.
G/TBT/N/Burundi/484	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 11 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 10 August 2024	Refrigerating appliances for household and similar use minimum energy performance	This Draft East African Standard specifies the Minimum Energy Performance and energy labelling requirements for a.c. powered single-phase (220-240V, 50Hz) and three-phase (380-415V, 50Hz) vapor compression refrigerating appliances (that is, refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers and freezers) of rated volume from 10 L to 1 500 L for household and similar use.
G/TBT/N/CHE/288	Switzerland	Date of Distribution: 11 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 10 August 2024	Equipment for air conditioning, refrigeration and heat production containing substances stable in the atmosphere as refrigerant	The Ordinance extends existing placing on the market and production prohibitions of certain equipment containing refrigerants stable in the atmosphere to additional installations and devices for which substitutes without refrigerants stable in the atmosphere are already available according to the state of the art.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,



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