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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 10 to 16 August 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Brazil, United States, Viet Nam, Macao, China, Philippines, The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu and Türkiye:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/BRA/907/Add.15	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 14 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 10 October 2024	Products, inputs and services under Inmetro's regulatory scope and which compliance is compulsorily assessed Addendum	Proposal to amend Inmetro Ordinance No. 332, 2 August 2021, which approves the conformity assessment requirements for refrigerators and similar products – Consolidated, previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/907/Add.10
G/TBT/N/USA/2123/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Heavyduty engine and vehicle Addendum	On 3 July 2024, Oregon DEQ Director Leah Feldon approved to delay implementation of the Heavy-Duty Low NOx Omnibus Rules for one year. The original Heavy-Duty Low NOx Omnibus Rules were adopted as part of the Clean Truck Rules by the Environmental Quality Commission in November 2021. They require conventionally fueled heavy-duty vehicle and engine manufacturers to meet tougher NOx and particulate matter emission standards, overhaul engine testing procedures and further extend engine warranties to ensure NOx and PM emissions are reduced over the lifetime of each new vehicle and engine. The Omnibus Rules will now go into effect with engine model year 2025.
G/TBT/N/VNM/311	Viet Nam	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments:	Swimming pool equipment	This draft Technical regulation stipulates limits for the technical criteria and parameters applicable to the safety management of swimming pool equipment used in training and competition facilities.

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G/TBT/N/V NM/312	Viet Nam	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Equipment for sports and recreational scuba diving activities	This draft Technical Regulation stipulates limits for technical indicators and specifications. Safety management requirements for equipment using in recreational diving facilities.
G/TBT/N/M AC/29	Macao, China	Date of Distribution: 12 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Dangerous goods	Law No. 12/2022 establishes a comprehensive system for the regulation, monitoring, and supervision of dangerous goods in Macao, China. Its primary objective is to prevent serious accidents that may arise from the possession, manufacturing, sale, transportation, storage, or any other utilization of dangerous goods, aiming to safeguard personal and property safety and prevent harm to human health and the environment.
G/TBT/N/P HL/334	Philippines	Date of Distribution: 12 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 October 2024	Therapeutic xray	Upon review of the implementation of the A.O. No. 2013-0031, many therapeutic x-ray facilities were not able to comply with the manpower requirements. Additionally, several dedicated radiation generators used in radiotherapy were also made available over the past years. Hence, in order to ensure compliance with the manpower requirement and to keep abreast with the emerging technologies, current provisions of A.O. 2013-0031 shall be made.
G/TBT/N/T PKM/546	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 12 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 October 2024	Power conversion system	To achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, it is expected that renewable energy power generation equipment and energy storage systems will gradually be installed not only at outdoor sites but also in indoor households and factories. Considering that the Power Conversion System (PCS) is a critical component of energy storage systems, the BSMI proposes to include PCS in the mandatory inspection scope to ensure consumer safety. Two alternative conformity assessment procedures are made available for the choice of applicants, i.e. Registration of Product Certification (RPC) or Type-Approved Batch Inspection (TABI).
G/TBT/N/T UR/214	Türkiye	Date of Distribution: 12 August 2024	Machinery	Machinery or related products must meet the essential health and safety requirements when they are placed on the market or put into service, while also

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Thank you.

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