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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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 20 to 26 April 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Thailand, United States, Albania and United Kingdom:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/NT/HA/625/Re v.1</a>	Thailand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 April 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 25 June 2024	Electric irons - Revision	The draft Ministerial Regulation mandates electric irons to conform to the Thai Industrial Standard TIS 60335-2(3):2567(2024) Household and Similar Electrical Appliances - Safety - Part 2-3: Particular Requirements for Electric Irons. This standard covers electric dry irons, electric steam irons and those with a separate water reservoir or boiler having a capacity not exceeding 5 l, for household and similar purposes, with a rated voltage not exceeding 250 V, including those operating on direct current, or battery power.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NU/SA/1850/Add.3/Corr.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 April 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Chrysotile asbestos - Corrigendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is correcting a final rule that appeared in the Federal Register of Thursday, 28 March 2024, which finalized the rule under the Toxic Substances Control Act >TSCA) to address to the extent necessary the unreasonable risk of injury to health presented by chrysotile asbestos based on the risks posed by certain conditions of use.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NU/SA/945/Re v.1/Add.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 25 April 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 12 August 2024	Residential dishwashers - Addendum	The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including dishwashers. In this direct final rule, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is adopting amended energy conservation standards for dishwashers.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NU/SA/945/Re v.2</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 25 April 2024	Residential dishwashers - Revision	Notice of proposed rulemaking - The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various

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		<b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 12 August 2024		consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including dishwashers. In this notice of proposed rulemaking, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes amended energy conservation standards for dishwashers identical to those set forth in a direct final rule published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/2116</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 25 April 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 24 June 2024	Non-volatile particulate matter from aircraft engines	Final rule; request for comments by 24 June 2024 - This action adopts standards for measuring non-volatile particulate matter (nvPM) exhaust emissions from aircraft engines.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/AL/97</a>	Albania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 24 April 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 23 June 2024	Organic products	This law is partially aligned with Regulation (EC) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of May 30, 2018 on organic production and labeling of organic products and the repeal of Council Regulation (EC) no. 834/2007. CELEX number: 32018R0848, Official Journal of the European Union, Series L 150, Date 14.6.2018, page. 1–92 and aims to define the principles and rules for organic production, related to certification and the use of indicators that refer to organic production in labelling and advertising.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/G/BR/84</a>	United Kingdom	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 24 April 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 23 June 2024	Wet wipes containing plastic	These regulations introduce a ban on the supply and sale of wet wipes containing plastic. The draft legislation defines a wet wipe as a piece of pre-moistened or pre-wetted non-woven material which is conceived, designed and placed on the market for single-use (disposable) and intended for personal care e.g., personal hygiene or domestic use e.g., household cleaning purposes.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/2052/A dd.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 24 April 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 23 May 2024	Nursing pillows - Addendum	The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) in September 2023 to address the risk of death and injury associated with infant suffocations, entrapments, falls, and other hazards associated with nursing pillows.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/2091/A dd.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 24 April 2024  <b>Deadline for</b>	Infant support cushions - Addendum	The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) in January 2024 regarding a rulemaking to address suffocation, entrapment, fall, and other

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<a href="#">G/TBT/N/U SA/1777/A dd.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 23 April 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Poison prevention packaging requirements - Addendum	The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) is amending the child-resistant packaging requirements of CPSC's regulation to exempt baloxavir marboxil tablets, currently marketed as XOFLUZATM, in packages containing not more than 80 mg of the drug, from the special packaging requirements. XOFLUZA is used to treat the flu, and the drug is taken in one dose within 48 hours of experiencing flu symptoms.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/U SA/1959/A dd.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 23 April 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	General service lamps - Addendum	The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including general service lamps ("GSLs"). EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") to periodically determine whether more stringent standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified and would result in significant energy savings.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/U SA/1987/A dd.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 23 April 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Heavy-duty highway vehicles - Addendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is promulgating new greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions standards for model year (MY) 2032 and later heavy-duty highway vehicles that phase in starting as early MY 2027 for certain vehicle categories. The phase in revises certain MY 2027 GHG standards that were established previously under EPA's Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles--Phase 2 rule ("HD GHG Phase 2").

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
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