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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 25 to 31 May 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Australia, Russian Federation, United States, Egypt, Thailand, Philippines and Switzerland:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NA/US/163/Add.1	Australia	Date of Distribution: 31 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Industrial chemicals - Addendum	An outline of the changes made to the proposed amendment following the consultation period can be found here: Response to feedback on proposed changes to AICIS categorisation, reporting & record keeping requirements Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS)
G/TBT/N/RUS/161	Russian Federation	Date of Distribution: 31 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 30 July 2024	Products subject to sanitary-epidemiological supervision	The draft amendments to the Section 10 of the Chapter II of the Common sanitary-epidemiological and hygienic requirements for products subject to sanitary-epidemiological supervision (control) approved by the Decision of the Commission of the Customs Union dated 28 May, 2010 No. 299 provides for the updating the safety requirements for materials for products (products) in contact with human skin, clothing, footwear.
G/TBT/NU/SA/823/Rev.2	United States	Date of Distribution: 31 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 June 2024	Vehicle emissions - Revision	Proposed rule - 250-RICR-120-05-37 specifies the requirements for Rhode Island's Low-Emission and Zero-Emission Vehicle Programs that implement California vehicle emission standards under section 177 of the federal Clean Air Act.
G/TBT/NE/GY/478	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 30 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 29 July 2024	Constructing smart transportation facilities	This draft of Egyptian standard specifies a procedure to arrange smart transportation for newly developing areas, including transportation services between the developing area and existing city centres. This document does not designate procedures for constructing smart transportation facilities. Worth mentioning is that this draft standard is technically identical with ISO 37162/2023.

BUREAU OF PHILIPPINE STANDARDS

Membership:

- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
 - National Enquiry Point (NEP)
 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

G/TBT/N/T HA/738	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 30 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 29 July 2024	Electrical appliances for heating liquids	The draft Ministerial Regulation mandates electrical appliances for heating liquids to conform to the Thai Industrial Standard TIS 60335-2(15): 25XX(20XX) Household and Similar Electrical Appliances - Safety - Part 2-15: Particular Requirements for Appliances for Heating Liquids. This draft Ministerial Regulation applies to the following electrical appliances for heating liquids for household and similar purposes, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V: 1) Electric Kettles, electric thermo pots and other appliances for boiling water, having a rated capacity not exceeding 10 l; 2) Electric rice cookers; 3) Electric boilers
G/TBT/N/U SA/2123	United States	Date of Distribution: 30 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 24 June 2024	Heavy-duty engine and vehicle	Proposed rule - The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is conducting this rulemaking to adopt California Air Resources Board (CARB) amendments to heavy-duty engine and vehicle exhaust emission standards to maintain identicality with CARB rules for new medium- and heavy-duty vehicles sold in Oregon. This rulemaking will also consider permanent adoption of a 1-year implementation delay which will replace the temporary rule adopted by the EQC on 16 November 2023. This action will provide manufacturers and buyers compliance certainty and add additional flexibilities to the legacy engine sales allowances for engine model year 2025 and 2026.
G/TBT/NE GY/368/Add.1	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 29 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Hazardous materials - Addendum	Products covered: Occupational safety. Industrial hygiene (ICS code(s): 13.100) This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No. 141/2024 (2 pages, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 8836 for "occupational health and safety - general requirements for labelling of hazardous materials"; (41 page(s), in Arabic)
G/TBT/N/U SA/1646/Add.3	United States	Date of Distribution: 29 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 July 2024	Satellite orbital debris mitigation - Addendum	In this document, the Space Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) seeks to refresh the record concerning the rules proposed in a 2020 Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) adopted in the Mitigation of Orbital Debris in the New Space Age rulemaking that sought comment on additional amendments to the

				Commission's rules related to satellite orbital debris mitigation. Comments are due 27 June 2024. Reply comments are due 12 July 2024. Title 47 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 525 and 97
G/TBT/N/PHL/265/Rev.1	Philippines	Date of Distribution: 28 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 27 June 2024	Automotive products - Revision	This DAO aims to strictly ensure that the following automotive products manufactured, imported, distributed, or sold in the Philippines meet the specified quality requirements as prescribed by this Technical Regulation: 1.1 Motorcycle Helmets and their Visors; 1.2 Motor Vehicle Brake Fluids; 1.3 Road Vehicle Safety Belts; 1.4 Pneumatic Tires; 1.5 Pneumatic Tubes; 1.6 Lead-Acid Starter Batteries; 1.7 Lithium-Ion Batteries; 1.8 Audible Warning Device; 1.9 Rear View Mirrors; 1.10 Head Restraint; 1.11 Safety Glazing Materials; 1.12 Retroreflecting Devices; 1.13 Filament Lamps; 1.14 Headlamp; and 1.15 Front Position Lamps, Rear Position Lamps, Stop Lamps, Direction Indicator Lamps, and Rear-Registration Plate Illuminating Devices.
G/TBT/N/USA/1969/Rev.2	United States	Date of Distribution: 28 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 28 August 2024	School transportation vehicles - Revision	Proposed rule amendments - Pertains to regulations governing the reasonable and adequate standards of safety for school buses and school transportation vehicles that promote the welfare of the students and afford reasonable protection to the public.
G/TBT/N/CH/287	Switzerland	Date of Distribution: 27 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 26 July 2024	Dangerous substances	1. Harmonized classifications and labeling of substances (21st ATP of the EU-CLP regulation): 28 substances or groups of substances are listed in the List of harmonized classifications and labeling of dangerous substances, and 24 existing entries are modified.

To access the notification form, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink. Should you have any queries on this matter or request for full text of draft regulation in English, please do not hesitate to email us at BPS@dti.gov.ph copy bps.smd@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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