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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 16 to 22 November 2024.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CA/N/698/Add.1</a>	Canada	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 22 November 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Tents - Addendum	The former Tents Regulations had not changed substantively since they were introduced in 1988 and referenced an outdated industry standard that addresses the flammability issues associated with tent materials commonly used at the time. The performance requirements in the former Regulations were less suited to address flammability hazards for the types of tent materials sold in the market today, which are mainly composed of synthetic textile materials.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/A/1968/Add.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 21 November 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Public safety communications in the 4.9 GHz Band - Addendum	In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) takes another major step towards ensuring that the 4940-4990 MHz band (4.9 GHz band) is efficiently and intensely utilized in support of public safety missions nationwide. To that end, the Commission bolsters the coordinated nationwide approach to the band that it established in its Seventh Report and Order, FCC 23-3, in which it adopted a nationwide Band Manager framework to coordinate operations in the 4.9 GHz band, optimize public safety use, and facilitate the integration of the latest commercially available technologies, including 5G, for the benefit of public safety users. nationwide Band Manager overlay license, the Commission also reaffirms its commitment to the nationwide Band Manager framework and clarifies the Band Manager's responsibilities to address the new rules we adopt herein. Effective 20 December 2024. 89 Federal Register (FR) 91578, 20 November 2024; Title 47 Code of Federal
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/A/2149/Add.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 21 November 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b>	Vehicle safety standards : pedestrian head protection- Addendum	The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) received a request to extend the comment period for the 19 September 2024, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) (notified as G/TBT/N/USA/2149) proposing a new Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) to

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		18 December 2024		ensure passenger vehicles are designed to mitigate the risk of serious to fatal injury in pedestrian crashes. The NPRM is based on Global Technical Regulation (GTR) No. 9 on pedestrian safety, with focused enhancements to address safety problems.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/A/2161</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 21 November 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 January 2025	Neck floats	Notice of proposed rulemaking - The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) mandates that ASTM F963 shall be a mandatory toy safety standard. This toy safety standard sets forth only minimal labeling requirements for aquatic toys such as neck floats. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) proposes to establish new performance and revised labeling requirements to address potentially deadly hazards associated with neck floats. The Commission also proposes to amend CPSC's list of notice of requirements (NORs) to include neck floats. Section V of the NPR preamble summarizes the provisions of ANSI/CAN/UL 12402-9, ANSI APSP ICC-16, ASTM F833-21, ASTM F1967-19 and ANSI/NEMA Z535.4-2023 that the Commission proposes to incorporate by reference into proposed (16 CFR) § 1250.5.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/NI/C/181</a>	Nicaragua	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 November 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 15 January 2025	Maximum permissible values of physical, chemical and microbiological parameters for drinking water	This document establishes the maximum admissible values of the physical, chemical and microbiological parameters for drinking water, as well as the risk management evaluation criteria from the source of supply to the user, in order to prevent adverse effects derived from contamination. and protect the health of the population. This Standard is applicable to: To providers of drinking water services and users of water use in productive processes intended for human consumption, regardless of their source of collection, type of treatment and system of treatment. supply. To the establishments process and food warehouses, regardless of the source of water supply. Note. There is an exception to bottled waters, which are regulated by specific regulations.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/A/2070/Add. 1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 November 2024  Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Decabromodiphenyl ether and phenol, isopropylated phosphate - Addendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is finalizing revisions to the regulations for decabromodiphenyl ether (decaBDE) and phenol, isopropylated phosphate (3:1) (PIP (3:1)), two of the five persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic (PBT) chemicals addressed in final rules issued under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) in January 2021.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/A/2159</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 November 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b>	Toxic substances control act	Advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) - In granting a petition filed under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) by Earthjustice on behalf of the Yurok Tribe, the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or

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		21 January 2025		Agency) committed to pursuing an action to solicit and collect information from the public on the potential risks associated with N-(1,3-Dimethylbutyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine (6PPD) (CASRN 793-24-8, DTXSID 9025114) and its transformation product, 6PPD-quinone (CASRN 2754428-18-5, DTXSID 301034849). With this document, EPA is soliciting that information, along with information about potential alternatives and regulatory options to help inform the Agency's consideration of potential future regulatory actions under TSCA.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US A/2046/Rev. 1/Add.4</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 19 November 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Air quality in general - Addendum	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will present the Climate Protection Program 2024 rulemaking to the Environmental Quality Commission for a decision at its 21 November 2024 meeting. DEQ is proposing a climate protection program, including proposed new rules and permanent rule amendments to chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules.

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Thank you.

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