

29 October 2024

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 05 to 11 October 2024.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/ECU/528/Add.1	Ecuador	Date of Distribution: 10 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Portable fire extinguishers and fire extinguishing agents - Addendum	Fourth revision (4R) of Ecuadorian Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 006 "Portable fire extinguishers and fire extinguishing agents" 1 This information can be provided by including a website address, a PDF attachment, or other information on where the text of the final measure/change to the measure/interpretative guidance can be obtained. G/TBT/N/ECU/528/Add.1 - 2 - The Republic of Ecuador hereby advises that the fourth revision (4R) of Ecuadorian Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 006 "Portable fire extinguishers and fire extinguishing agents" will enter into force on 4 April 2025. It should be noted that, with respect to this Regulation, Ecuador has followed all the transparency and notification guidelines determined by the WTO.
G/TBT/N/ECU/541/Add.1	Ecuador	Date of Distribution: 10 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Safety and protective headgear - Addendum	Second revision (2R) of Ecuadorian Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 086: "Safety and protective headgear" 1 This information can be provided by including a website address, a PDF attachment, or other information on where the text of the final measure/change to the measure/interpretative guidance can be obtained. G/TBT/N/ECU/541/Add.1 - 2 - The Republic of Ecuador hereby advises that the second revision (2R) of Ecuadorian Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 086 "Safety and protective headgear" will enter into force on 4 April 2025.
G/TBT/N/ECU/543/Add.1	Ecuador	Date of Distribution: 10 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Personal flotation devices - Addendum	Ecuadorian Technical Regulation RTE No. 218 (1R): "Personal flotation devices" The Republic of Ecuador hereby advises that Ecuadorian Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 218 (1R): "Personal flotation devices" will enter into force on 4 April 2025. 1 This information can be provided by including a website address, a PDF attachment, or other information on where the text of the final measure/change to the measure/interpretative guidance can be obtained. G/TBT/N/ECU/543/Add.1 - 2 - It should be noted that, with respect to this Regulation, Ecuador has followed all the

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G/TBT/N/USA/1697/Add.4/Corr.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 10 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Chemicals Corrigendum	OSHA is correcting several inadvertent errors in its Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) which were published in the Federal Register on 20 May 2024 (notified as G/TBT/N/USA/1697/Add.4).
G/TBT/N/USA/2153	United States	Date of Distribution: 10 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: 9 December 2024	Per and polyfluoroalkyl substances	Proposed rule - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to add 16 individually listed per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and 15 PFAS categories to the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) list of toxic chemicals subject to reporting under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and the Pollution Prevention Act (PPA) to comply with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (NDAA). EPA also addresses how PFAS categories should be treated. Separately, EPA discusses what events may trigger the automatic addition of a PFAS to the TRI pursuant to the NDAA. This discussion does not propose to list chemicals to TRI pursuant to the NDAA, but rather describes what EPA documents and activities involving PFAS would trigger an automatic addition under the NDAA.
G/TBT/N/ECU/545/Add.1	Ecuador	Date of Distribution: 9 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Protective gloves Addendum	First revision (1R) of Ecuadorian Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 270 "Protective Gloves" The Republic of Ecuador hereby advises that the first revision (1R) of Ecuadorian Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 270 "Protective Gloves" will enter into force on 4 April 2025. 1 This information can be provided by including a website address, a PDF attachment, or other information on where the text of the final measure/change to the measure/interpretative guidance can be obtained.
G/TBT/N/EGY/3/Add.84	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 9 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Carbon dioxide as fire extinguishing media for fire protection - Addendum	Products covered: (ICS code(s): 13.220.10) Fire-fighting This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No.444/2024 (1 pages, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 695-1 for "carbon dioxide as fire extinguishing media for fire protection - specification" (23 page(s), in Arabic)
G/TBT/N/EGY/486	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 9 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: 8 December 2024	Buoyant aids for swimming instruction : safety requirements and test methods for buoyant aids to be worn	This draft of Egyptian standard specifies safety and in water performance requirements for construction, sizing, marking and information supplied by the manufacturer for swimming aids intended to ensure a degree of buoyancy to assist beginners with movement through the water while learning to swim or while learning part of a swimming stroke. It also gives methods of test for verification of these requirements.

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				This document applies only to swimming devices that are designed to be worn, to be securely attached to the body and which have either inherent buoyancy or can be inflated. It only applies to class B swimming devices intended to introduce the user to the range of swimming strokes.
G/TBT/N/EGY/487	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 9 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: 8 December 2024	Buoyant aids for swimming instruction : safety requirements and test methods for buoyant aids	This draft of Egyptian standard specifies safety requirements for construction, performance, sizing and marking for swimming devices intended to assist users with movement through the water in the early stages of water awareness, while learning to swim or while learning part of a swimming stroke. It also gives methods of test for verification of these requirements.
G/TBT/N/EGY/489	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 9 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: 8 December 2024	Firefighting centrifugal pumps without primer	This draft of Egyptian standard applies to centrifugal pumps without priming devices for fire-fighting use designed as - floating pumps (FPN F), - submersible pumps (FPN S) or - boosted pumps (FPN B). Fire-fighting centrifugal pumps without primer are defined as terminated by their inlet and outlet connections as well as by their shaft ends. This document applies for fire-fighting centrifugal pumps without priming devices for use under ambient temperatures between -15 °C and 40 °C.
G/TBT/N/EGY/490	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 9 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: 8 December 2024	Firefighting centrifugal pumps without primer	This draft of Egyptian standard covers verification of the general and safety requirements of fire-fighting centrifugal pumps without primer as specified in EN 14710-1:2005+A2. NOTE The tests can also be applied to pumps with nominal delivery rates greater than 10 000 l/min.
G/TBT/N/EGY/491	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 9 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: 8 December 2024	Firefighting pumps : portable pumps	This draft of Egyptian standard applies to portable pumps using fire-fighting centrifugal pumps as defined in EN 1028, driven by an internal combustion engine and not intended to be permanently installed in fire-fighting and rescue service vehicles and not intended for prolonged unattended operation. This document deals with all significant hazards, hazardous situations and events relevant to portable firefighting pumps and specifies

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				performance requirements for portable pumps in its scope. Worth mentioning is that this Draft standard adopts the technical content of EN 14466:2005+A1:2008
G/TBT/N/USA/1911/Rev.1/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 9 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Consumer clothes dryers - Addendum	The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a direct final rule to establish amended energy conservation standards for consumer clothes dryers in the Federal Register on 12 March 2024 (notified as G/TBT/N/USA/1911/Add.1). DOE has determined that the comments received in response to the direct final rule do not provide a reasonable basis for withdrawing the direct final rule. Therefore, DOE provides this document confirming the effective and compliance dates of those standards. This document also clarifies the introductory notes to the appendices for the consumer dryer test procedure to conform with the amended standards promulgated by direct final rule published on 12 March 2024.>The technical correction in this document is effective 8 October 2024.
G/TBT/N/USA/2082/Add.2	United States	Date of Distribution: 9 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Zero-emission motorcycle requirements - Addendum	By notice dated 14 November 2023, and published in the 1 December 2023, California Regulatory Notice Register (2023 No. 48-Z), the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) announced it would conduct a public hearing to consider approving for adoption the proposed amendments to the On-Road Motorcycle (ONMC) emission standards and test procedures and adoption of new provisions relating to ONMCs under Division 3, Chapter 1, Article 2 (Approval of Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Devices). The hearing was originally scheduled for 25 January 2024, and was postponed by notice on 19 January 2024 (notified as G/TBT/N/USA/2082/Add.1) Please before the 7 November 2024, Board Meeting,
G/TBT/N/USA/1938/Add.3	United States	Date of Distribution: 8 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Phasedown of hydrofluorocarbons - Addendum	This Notice of Data Availability is to alert stakeholders that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released data on production, consumption and other activity related to hydrofluorocarbons regulated under the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020. The Agency has published these data in the Protecting Our Climate by Reducing Use of HFCs web area.7 October 202489 Federal Register (FR) 81076: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-10-07/html/2024-23143.htm https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-10-07/pdf/2024-23143.pdf This action and previous actions notified under the symbol G/TBT/N/USA/1938 are identified by Docket Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0430. The Docket Folder for those actions is also

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				available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0430/document and it provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from Regulations.gov by searching the Docket Number.
G/TBT/N/USA/1730/Add.3	United States	Date of Distribution: 7 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: 4 November 2024	Off-highway vehicle - Addendum	The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) in July 2022 (notified as G/TBT/N/USA/1730/Add.1) to address debris penetration hazards for recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs) and utility task/terrain vehicles (UTVs). CPSC is announcing the availability of, and seeking comment on, details about incident data relevant to the rulemaking and associated with debris penetration hazards for ROVs and UTVs. The Commission invites comments on the incident data and the NPR's analysis of these data. CPSC is making available for review and comment the incident reports relied upon and discussed in the NPR, to the extent allowed by applicable law, along with the associated in-depth investigations (IDIs) and additional IDIs.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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