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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 11 to 17 January 2025.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/2178</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 16 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 4573317 March 2025	ADS-Equipped vehicle safety	Notice of proposed rulemaking - This document proposes the ADS-equipped Vehicle Safety, Transparency, and Evaluation Program (AV STEP), a voluntary framework for evaluating and overseeing automated driving systems (ADS) in vehicles operating on U.S. public roads. The program aims to enhance public transparency regarding ADS safety while supporting responsible technology development. It outlines procedures for application, participation, reporting, and administration, requiring participants to provide independent safety assessments, adherence to industry standards, and periodic and event-triggered reports to inform NHTSA's oversight decisions.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/1327/Corr.1</a>	Israel	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 13 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Hand-held motor-operated electric tools - Addendum	Please replace the last section in Item 6 as follows: Both the old and the proposed revised standards will apply from the publication and entry into force of this revision for a transition period of 60 days. During this time, products may be tested according to the old or the new revised standard.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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