

19 February 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 03 to 09 February 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the thirteen (13) notified draft technical regulations from Egypt, Ukraine, and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/NE/GY/382</a>	Egypt	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 09 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 08 April 2024	Household and similar electrical appliances: ironers	The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7313 which deals with the safety of electric ironers for both commercial and household and similar purposes, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances. Appliances not intended for normal household, but which nevertheless can be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard. Examples of appliances within the scope of this standard are: – Ironing presses for one-person operation; – Mangles; – Rotary ironers for one-person operation; – Trouser presses.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NE/GY/384</a>	Egypt	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 09 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 08 April 2024	Refrigerating appliances	The Ministerial Decree No. 502 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 8688 which specifies safety requirements for electrically operated commercial refrigerating appliances and ice-makers that have an incorporated motor compressor or that are supplied in two units for assembly as a single

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				appliance in accordance with the instructions (split system).
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/E GY/400</a>	Egypt	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 09 February 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 08 April 2024</p>	Walk-in cold rooms: prefabricated cold room kits	<p>This draft of Egyptian standard applies to prefabricated walk-in cold room kits and components. It provides test or calculation methods to assess thermal insulation performances under normal end-use conditions. Performance characteristics of walk-in cold rooms are to be assessed in terms of thermal insulating properties, in order to give a basis on which assessing energy consumption related properties of walk-in cold rooms, and of their components. Performance characteristics are to be assessed for every single component of the walk-in cold room, and for the assembled walk-in cold room as a whole. The normal end-use conditions of a walk-in cold room are considered to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Installation inside an existing building;</li> <li>- Not exposed to external weather conditions.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/E GY/401</a>	Egypt	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 09 February 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 08 April 2024</p>	Walk-in cold rooms: customized cold rooms	<p>This draft of Egyptian standard provides test or calculation methods to assess thermal insulation performances for customized walk-in cold rooms and components under normal end-use conditions. The normal end-use conditions of a walk-in cold room are considered to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Installation inside an existing building;</li> <li>- Not exposed to external weather conditions;</li> <li>- Internal side of panels subject to temperatures within the indicative range <math>-40\text{ °C} \leq T \leq 12\text{ °C}</math>;</li> <li>- External side of panels subject to temperatures within the indicative range <math>-8\text{ °C} \leq T \leq 30\text{ °C}</math>; temperatures below <math>0\text{ °C}</math>, or higher than <math>20\text{ °C}</math>, can be reached if the walk-in cold room is located inside not air-conditioned premises.</li> </ul>

<a href="#">G/TBT/NE GY/377</a>	Egypt	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 09 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 08 April 2024	Oral hygiene appliances	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7280 which deals with the safety of electric oral hygiene appliances for household and similar purposes, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V, including direct current (DC) supplied appliances and battery-operated appliances.</p> <p>Examples of appliances that this standard is applicable to are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oral irrigators;</li> <li>- Toothbrushes.</li> </ul> <p>As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction;</li> <li>• Children playing with the appliance.</li> </ul> <p>Attention is drawn to the fact that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements can be necessary;</li> <li>• In many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.</li> </ul> <p>Worth mentioning is that this standard adopts the technical content of IEC 60335-2-52:2021</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/NE GY/378</a>	Egypt	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 09 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 08 April 2024	Heating units	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7286 which deals with the safety of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portable heated carpets;</li> <li>• Heated carpets and similar</li> </ul>

				<p>appliances;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heating units to heat the room in which they are located and that are intended to be installed directly under materials used as a removable floor covering such as carpet, cushion vinyl, or loose laid laminate, <p>Their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase installations and 480 V for other installations, including direct current (DC) supplied appliances.</p> </li></ul>
<a href="#">G/TBT/NE GY/379</a>	Egypt	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 09 February 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 08 April 2024</p>	Sheet heating elements for room heating	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7292 which deals with the safety of flexible sheet heating elements intended to be incorporated into floors and walls below 1,2 m and above 2,3 m and in ceilings, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase installations and 480 V for other installations.</p> <p>Flexible sheet heating elements are converted into heating units that are incorporated in the building in accordance with the instructions after which the required level of protection against hazards is achieved. Attention is drawn to the fact that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In many countries, different wiring rules apply;</li> <li>• For heating units intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements can be necessary;</li> <li>• In many countries, additional requirements are specified by the national authorities for fire protection, the national authorities for building regulations, the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">G/TBT/NE GY/380</a>	Egypt	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b></p>	Household and similar electrical	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month</p>

		09 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 08 April 2024	appliances: cleaning appliances for household use employing liquids or steam	transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7311 which deals with the safety of electric cleaning appliances for household use that are intended for cleaning surfaces by using liquid cleansing agents or steam, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V including direct current (DC) supplied appliances and battery-operated appliances. It also covers wallpaper strippers and surface cleaning appliances incorporating heating elements or means for pressurizing the liquid container. As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction;</li> <li>• Children playing with the appliance.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">G/TBT/NE GY/383</a>	Egypt	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 09 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 08 April 2024	Blankets, pads, clothing and similar flexible heating appliances	The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7315 which deals with the safety of electric blankets, pads, clothing and other flexible appliances that heat the bed or human body, for household and similar purposes, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V including direct current (DC) supplied appliances and battery-operated appliances. This standard also applies to control units supplied with the appliance. Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless possibly pose be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to

				be used in beauty parlours or by persons in cold ambient temperatures, are within the scope of this standard.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/U KR/261/Ad d.1</a>	Ukraine	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 06 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Household washing machines and washer-dryers - Addendum	Ukraine notifies the adoption of the Order of the Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine "On Approval of the Technical Regulation for Energy Labelling of Household Washing Machines and Household Washer-Dryers" on 30 October 2023. The Order was registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 25 December 2023 and published n 25 January 2024.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/U SA/1520/A dd.4</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 09 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 14 February 2024	Residential gas furnaces and boilers - Addendum	The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) will be providing an opportunity for interested parties to make oral presentations on the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) the Commission issued regarding a safety standard for residential gas furnaces and boilers. Presentations will be part of the rulemaking record.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/U SA/2097</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 02 April 2024	Energy labeling : air cleaners, clothes dryers, miscellaneous refrigeration products, and portable electric spas; modifications to existing labels for clothes washers, televisions, and several heating products	The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission") proposes amendments to improve the Energy Labeling Rule ("Rule"), including energy labels for several new consumer product categories and changes to label display requirements. Specifically, the Notice seeks comment on labels for air cleaners, clothes dryers, miscellaneous refrigeration products, and portable electric spas; modifications to existing labels for clothes washers, televisions, and several heating products; revisions to the current requirements for affixing labels on showroom models; and several minor amendments to improve the Rule.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/U SA/1873/A dd.2</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b>	Energy labelling rule - Addendum	The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") amends its Energy Labeling Rule ("Rule")

		05 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated		by publishing new ranges of comparability for required Energy Guide labels on televisions.
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Thank you.

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