

WTO's NTBs Notifications Relating to Electric & Electronics Products January 2024

Under the WTO's Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, member states, for valid reasons, are allowed to regulate markets, protect their consumers, and preserve their natural resources, using tools such as rules for product weight, size, or packaging; ingredient or identity standards; shelf-life restrictions; and import testing and certification procedures.

However, these measures often result in perceived discrimination against imports to protect domestic industries.

The TBT Agreement seeks to ensure that standards, technical regulations, and conformity assessment procedures are not discriminatory and are applied on a non-discriminatory basis.

This Newsletter captures NTBs notified by WTO members and their relevance to Electric & Electronics products for the month of January 2024. It also highlights the potential impact of these NTBs on India's exports.

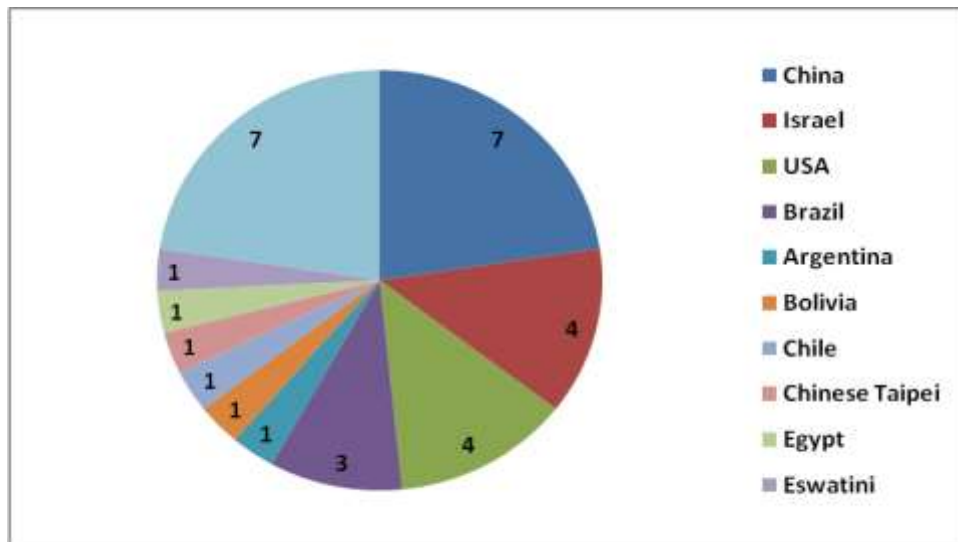
TBT Notifications Issued by WTO Member Countries

A total of 449 TBT Notifications were issued by the various WTO Member countries during the month of January 2024. Out of these, 31 notifications are relevant to electrical & electronic products.

Country-wise Break-up of NTBs Notifications

Review of TBTs Notifications relating to electronic products for the month of January 2024 reveal that out of the total 31 notifications, China issued relatively largest number of Notifications relating to electronic products, numbering 7, followed by Israel (4), USA (4), Brazil (3), Argentina (1), Argentina (1), Bolivia (1), Chinese Taipei (1), Egypt (1), Eswatini (1) and 7 are other countries notifications, respectively. See Figure 1 for distribution of TBTs Notifications against electrical & electronic products.

Figure 1 Distribution of TBTs Notifications Against Electric Products



Potential Impact of TBTs Notifications on Electrical & Electronic Products

Analysis of data reveals that notifications issued by the WTO Member countries in January 2024 could potentially affect India's exports worth US\$ 809.48 million if appropriate measures are not taken to resolve these issues in time.

At the country level, a review of data reveals that out of the total potential decline in India's exports, Japan alone would account for a decline in India's exports of over US\$ 452.53 million, followed by China at over US\$ 218.65 million, Singapore at over US\$ 65.32 million, Vietnam at over US\$ 26.86 million, USA at over US\$ 27.10 million, Chinese Taipei at over US\$ 6.93 million, Israel at over US\$ 9.68 million, Brazil at over US\$ 1.55 million, Eswatini at over US\$ 0.76 million and Argentina at over US\$ 0.11 million. India does not export any of its products to the markets of Slovenia, Chile, Egypt, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Ukraine and Bolivia. A description of Notifications, along with product-wise exports from India to these countries in 2022, is presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Details of Notifications and Their Potential Impact on Exports from India

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1	Singapore	04-01-2024	G/TBT/N/SGP/70/Add.1	On 26 June 2023, the National Environment Agency notified the WTO via G/TBT/N/SGP/70 of the proposed amendments to Singapore's Mandatory Energy Labelling Scheme (MELS) and Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS). This addendum seeks to notify Members that the measures that will enter into force in 2024, viz.: a) the extension of MEPS and MELS to portable air-conditioners from 1 April 2024; b) the revision of MEPS and MELS for regulated lamps and extension of these requirements to more lamp types from 1 April 2024 c) the extension of MEPS and standby power requirements to television	841510, 841582, 841810, 852872, 853921, 853922, 853931, 853952	65.32	522.32
2	Chinese Taipei	04-01-2024	G/TBT/N/TPKM/529 /Add.1	The purpose of this notification is to provide the final texts of "Regulations Governing Verification and Inspection of Measuring Instruments" and relevant dates of its implementation. The draft texts notified in	9031	6.93	6347.01

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				"G/TBT/N/TPKM/529" were adopted with minor changes.			
3	Brazil	04-01-2024	G/TBT/N/BRA/1279/Add.2	National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro issued Ordinance 221, 23 May 2022 that amends the consolidation of metrological technical regulation for measurement systems or active and/or reactive electric power meters, electronic, single-phase and polyphasic and public lighting systems.	902830	0.01	1.65
4	Viet Nam	05-01-2024	G/TBT/N/VNM/274	<p>This draft regulation stipulates requirements for quality assessment of road vehicle headlamps (hereinafter referred to as lamps).</p> <p>This draft technical regulation applies to establishments that manufacture and import lamps, manufacture and assemble and import road motor vehicles and organizations and individuals involved in inspection, testing and certification of the technical quality and safety of lamps.</p>	85122010	26.86	223.93

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5	China	05-01-2024	G/TBT/N/CHN/1789	<p>This document specifies the following issues on China Compulsory Certification (CCC) of wires and cables: scope of application, base standards, certification module, certification unit classification, application for certification, implementation of certification, post-certification supervision, CCC certificate, CCC mark, fees, and certification responsibilities, etc.</p> <p>This document applies to the mandatory product certification of rubber insulated cables and PVC insulated cables of rated voltage up to and including 450/750V (including flame retardant wires and cables).</p>	854449	2.20	1495.52
6	Slovenia	05-01-2024	G/TBT/N/SVN/126	<p>The regulation determines the purpose, types, meaning, shape, color, size, properties and placement of traffic signals and traffic equipment on public roads.</p> <p>Traffic signals and traffic equipment warn road users of dangers, restrictions, prohibitions and obligations, provide the necessary information for safe and</p>	8530	0	24.19

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				<p>unhindered traffic, and guide them in traffic.</p> <p>The proposed signaling and equipment ensure the implementation of traffic rules and measures for traffic safety and indicate the traffic regulation on the roads. An integral part of the regulation is vertical, horizontal and tourist and information signage.</p>			
7	China	05-01-2024	G/TBT/N/CHN/1784	This document specifies the terms and definitions, classification, requirements, tests, inspection rules and marking of point-type flame detectors. This document applies to point flame detectors installed and used in general industrial and civil buildings. Point type flame detectors with special requirements installed and used in other environment shall also comply with this document, unless otherwise specified by relevant standards.	853190	0.12	207.43
8	Japan	05-01-2024	G/TBT/N/JPN/793	Necessary revisions will be conducted to ensure that the certificate issued by the registered foreign conformity assessment bodies registered by the mutual recognition	85	452.53	120960.39

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				agreement is treated equally as the certificate issued by the foreign registered conformity assessment bodies registered under the Electrical Appliances and Materials Safety Act.			
9	United States of America	05-01-2024	G/TBT/N/USA/1925/Add.5	In this document, the Federal Communications Commission announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements associated with the Commission's rules in a Report and Order which adopts rules to clarify for all stakeholders the status of LPTV FM6 service and codify that these services may be provided by a group of 14 existing FM6 stations, and only by those stations. This document is consistent with the Commission's Report and Order, which stated that the Commission would publish a document in the Federal Register announcing the effective date of those rules. The amendments to 47 CFR 74.790(o)(9) and (10) are published at >88 FR 59455, 29 August 2023, are effective as of 28	852872	0.05	13384.38

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				<p>December 2023, except for the portion of OMB Control No. 3060-0386 that approves the one-time requirement that FM6 LPTV stations notify the Media Bureau via letter filing as to whether they will continue FM6 operations and confirm their precise FM6 operational parameters. We establish 29 January 2024 as the deadline for filing this notification with the Bureau. Title 47 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 74</p> <p>This final rule and previous actions notified under the symbol G/TBT/N/USA/1925 are identified by Docket Nos. 03-185 and 22-261; FCC 22-58, FCC 23-25 and FCC 23-58. Additional information on the report and order is accessible from the FCC's Electronic Document Management System (EDOCS) at https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-adopts-amendments-lptv-and-tv-translator-rules</p>			
10	Bolivia, Plurinational State of	05-01-2024	G/TBT/N/BOL/15/Rev.1/Add.1	El Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia informa que el Ministerio de Desarrollo Productivo y Economía Plural expidió la Resolución	9028	0	6.34

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				Ministerial MDPyEP/DESPACHO/N° 173.2023, por el cual pone en vigencia el Reglamento Técnico "Aprobación de Modelo de Medidores de Agua Potable", que establece los requisitos para la Aprobación de Modelo de Medidores de Agua Potable; con la finalidad de prevenir prácticas que puedan inducir al error. Así mismo se publica el D.S. 5070 de 29 de noviembre de 2023, que complementa la vigencia del mencionado Reglamento Técnico.			
11	China	05-01-2024	G/TBT/N/CHN/1782	This document specifies the requirements, tests, marking, inspection rules and instructions for vehicle combustible gas alarms. This document applies to vehicle combustible gas alarms installed in ordinary gas vehicles. The vehicle combustible gas alarms with special performance used in other special-purpose vehicles can also be implemented in accordance with this document, except for special requirements specified by relevant standards.	853110	0.33	55.16
12	United States	05-01-2024	G/TBT/N/USA/508/R	The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy	851610	1.53	804.69

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	of America		ev.1/Add.1	<p>conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including consumer water heaters. On 28 July 2023, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or "the Department") proposed amended energy conservation standards for certain consumer water heaters, including circulating water heaters, along with supporting definitions. In this supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking ("SNOPR") DOE proposes to amend the definition for circulating water heaters and clarify that circulating water heaters would be subject to the proposed energy conservation standards for storage-type water heaters. DOE requests comment on these proposed definitions. Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 430This supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking; request for comment and the notice of proposed rulemaking; announcement of public meeting notified as G/TBT/N/USA/508/Rev.1 are identified by Docket Number EERE-2017-BT-STD-0019. The Docket Folder is available from</p>			

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				<p>Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EER-E-2017-BT-STD-0019/document and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from Regulations.gov by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point by or before 4pm Eastern Time on 10 January 2024. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with DOE and will also be submitted to the Docket on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.</p>			
13	China	05-01-2024	G/TBT/N/CHN/1785	<p>This document specifies the terms and definitions, classification and naming, requirements, tests, inspection rules and marking of combustible gas alarm control units. This document applies to control units installed and used in general industrial and civil buildings. Control units with special</p>	853710	14.83	6222.32

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				performance installed in other environment shall also comply with this document, except for special requirements specified separately in relevant documents.			
14	China	05-01-2024	G/TBT/N/CHN/1788	This document specifies the following issues on China Compulsory Certification (CCC) of electric toilet appliances (including electrical equipment used in conjunction with regular toilets) : scope of application, base standards, certification module, certification unit classification, application for certification, implementation of certification, post-certification supervision, CCC certificate, CCC mark, fees, and certification responsibilities, etc. This document applies to the mandatory product certification of electric toilet appliances (including electrical equipment used in conjunction with regular toilets) with a rated voltage of no more than 250V for single-phase appliances and no more than 480V for other appliances.	851679, 854370	3.03	4652.62
15	China	05-01-2024	G/TBT/N/CHN/1792	This document specifies the following issues on China Compulsory Certification (CCC) of	853530	0.09	24.80

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				<p>low-voltage components: scope of application, base standards, certification module, certification unit classification, application for certification, implementation of certification, post-certification supervision, CCC certificate, CCC mark, fees, and certification responsibilities, etc.</p> <p>This document applies to low-voltage components that can turn on and off electric circuits manually or automatically according to external signals and requirements, intended for switching, controlling, protecting, detecting, transforming and adjusting of electric circuits or non-electrical objects.</p>			
16	Israel	05-01-2024	G/TBT/N/ISR/1302	Proposed third amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 32 part 1.1, dealing with plugs and socket - outlets. This amendment includes the following changes: Changes the standard's name to "Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes: Plugs and socket-outlets for current up to 16A – General requirements";	8536	6	545.99

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				<p>Expands the standard's scope to apply to three-pole plugs; Adds to the national deviations and to the normative references an option to comply also with the German Standards DIN 49445 and DIN 49446, accordingly; Adds new requirements to the general requirements appears in section 4; Changes a few checking of dimensions appear in section 9.1 Table 201 and adds new Tables 203-216.</p>			
17	China	05-01-2024	G/TBT/N/CHN/1787	<p>This document specifies the following issues on China Compulsory Certification (CCC) of explosion-proof luminaires: scope of application, base standards, certification module, certification unit classification, application for certification, implementation of certification, post-certification supervision, CCC certificate, CCC mark, fees, and certification responsibilities, etc.</p> <p>This document applies to the implementation of mandatory product certification for explosion-proof luminaires.</p>	851220, 853951, 9405, 853710, 850440, 9405	198.04	16196.9

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18	Ukraine	05-01-2024	G/TBT/N/UKR/280	<p>The draft Order approves the Technical Regulation establishing requirements for energy labelling and additional information on products relating to light sources with or without integrated control gear. The requirements also apply to light sources placed on the market as part of a product. The draft of the Technical Regulation is developed in order to regulate the requirements for energy labelling of light sources in accordance with the updated EU legislation, as well as to provide consumers with information on the level of energy efficiency of light sources and additional information that will enable consumers to choose the most energy efficient products. The draft of the Technical Regulation corresponds to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2015 of 11 March 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1369 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to energy labelling of light sources and repealing Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 874/2012. Currently, in Ukraine operates the</p>	8539	0.00	25.45

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				<p>Technical Regulation on Energy Labelling of Electric Lamps and Luminaires, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 340 of 27 May 2015, which was developed on the basis of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 874/2012 of 12 July 2012 supplementing Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to energy labelling of electrical lamps and luminaires (repealed). After this Order enters into force, the Technical Regulation on Energy Labelling of Electric Lamps and Luminaires, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 340 of 27 May 2015, will be cancelled. The draft Order also stipulates that light sources, which meet the requirements of the Technical Regulation on Energy Labelling of Electric Lamps and Luminaires, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 340 of 27 May 2015, and placed on the market before the entry into force of this Order, may not be prohibited or restricted due to non-compliance of such light sources with</p>			

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				the requirements of the Technical Regulation approved by this Order.			
19	Eswatini	11-01-2024	G/TBT/N/SWZ/14/Corr.1	<p>Item 6 in G/TBT/N/SWZ/14 should read as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This Draft Standard governs the minimum safety standards for the operating, maintenance, construction and installation of power systems in Eswatini. • The purpose of this Standard is threefold, namely, to ensure the safety of all persons, to safeguard apparatus and to ensure continuity of supply. • This Standard is an extension of, and must be read in conjunction with, the provisions of the Electricity Act of 2007; Factories, Machinery and Construction Works Act 17 of 1972 and the Operational Safety and Health Act 9 of 2001 (with particular emphasis on the Health and Safety Act made thereunder), and all other applicable laws, and does not supersede, overrule or negate any provisions contained in the Electricity Act, the Labour Act or such other laws. 	85	0.76	83.21

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20	Israel	17-01-2024	G/TBT/N/ISR/1303	<p>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 900 part 2.2, dealing with vacuum cleaners and water-suction cleaning electrical appliances, to be replaced with SI 60335 part 2.</p> <p>2. This draft standard revision adopts the International Standard IEC 60335-2-2 - Edition 7.0: 2019-05, with a few changes that appear in the standard's Hebrew section as follows: Changes the normative references; Adds a new national section 201 dealing with rated values; Adds a new national section 202 dealing with electromagnetic compatibility.</p>	8508	0	114.36
21	United States of America	18-01-2024	G/TBT/N/USA/2087/Corr.1	<p>This document corrects the DATES section of a final rule that appeared in the Federal Register on 15 December 2023, regarding the Wireless Emergency Alert system. This correction adds to the list of rules sections with indefinitely delayed effective dates.</p> <p>The correction is effective on 17 January 2024.</p>	8531	25.52	3683.68

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22	Israel	22-01-2024	G/TBT/N/ISR/1307	<p>First amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 20 part 2.4. This amendment announces that this standard replaces both the previous edition of SI 20 part 2.4 and SI 20 part 2.7.</p> <p>Following the entry into force of this amendment, The requirements of the mandatory standard SI 20 part 2.7, dealing with portable luminaires for garden use, will be declared voluntary and SI 20 part 2.4 will apply to all types of portable luminaires.</p>	8513, 8539, 8541, 9405	1.84	1152.18
23	Chile	22-01-2024	G/TBT/N/CHL/660/A dd.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The notified regulation is aimed at amending Exempt Resolution No. 7.219 of 2009, as amended by Exempt Resolution No. 7.316 of 2010, both of the Under secretariat of Telecommunications, which establishes the minimum technical specifications to be met by digital terrestrial television receivers, as it did not include the aerial, an element fundamental to their proper functioning. The definition of the receiving aerial has therefore been amended, indicating that it is a "physical device that allows for the transformation of the electrical field of the 	852871	0	102.64

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				<p>signal transmitted by air and the voltage needed for the electronic elements of the receiver to function correctly and for digital signals to be decoded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In general, an impedance of 75 ohms will be required for adaptation"; the need to incorporate this for its proper functioning is included. Its inclusion will thus be considered a minimum requirement in the sale of a television receiver from its entry into force. 			
24	Israel	24-01-2024	G/TBT/N/ISR/1308	<p>The existing Mandatory Standard, SI 20 part 2.7, dealing with portable luminaires for garden use, shall be declared voluntary. The safety requirements for these products are included under the scope of a different mandatory standard, SI 20 part 2.4, dealing with portable general-purpose luminaires.</p> <p>The entry into force of this declaration is coordinated with the publication of the proposed Amendment no. 1 of SI 20 part 2.4, expanding its scope to apply to portable luminaires for garden use, notified in</p>	8513, 8539, 8541, 9405	1.84	1152.18

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				G/TBT/N/ISR/1307.This declaration aims to remove unnecessary obstacles to trade and lower trade barriers.			
25	Korea, Republic of	26-01-2024	G/TBT/N/KOR/1194	Establishing safety requirements for primary lithium batteries and application of child-resistant packaging for button/coin primary lithium batteries that do not apply to the current safety verification criteria for primary batteries.	850650	0.00	39.65
26	Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	26-01-2024	G/TBT/N/SAU/1322	This SASO/FDS/33534:2024 standard is a Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) have prepared this draft Standard "Technical requirements of Digital Terrestrial Transmission System (DVB-T/T2) Receivers" based on relevant regional, International and National foreign Standards and references.	852871	0	27.75
27	Argentina	26-01-2024	G/TBT/N/ARG/297/ Add.18	Draft Resolution amending Resolution No. 169/2018 of the SECRETARIAT OF COMMERCE is notified, which aims to repeal Resolution No. 1495/23 of the SECRETARIAT OF COMMERCE and Provision No. 33/23 of the National Directorate of Technical	8537	0.11	1.13

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				Regulations, as well as introducing modifications to the Regime instituted through Resolution No. 169/18 of the SECRETARIAT OF TRADE (G/TBT/N/ARG/297/Add.11 - 17). OTC-WTO Focal Point Argentina National Directorate of Technical Regulations Area of Technical Obstacles to Trade Av. Julio A. Roca N° 651 Of. 423 A(C1067ABB) Buenos Aires, Argentina Email: focalotc@produccion.gob.ar			
28	Brazil	30-01-2024	G/TBT/N/BRA/1520	Public Consultation containing a proposal to update the requirements for certification of Cables for Digital Communications - Work area wiring.	854449	0.78	145.42
29	Brazil	30-01-2024	G/TBT/N/BRA/1519	Public Consultation containing a proposal to update the requirements for certification of Cables for Digital Communications - Work area wiring.	854449	0.78	145.42
30	Egypt	30-01-2024	G/TBT/N/EGY/352/Add.1	Products covered: Acid secondary cells and batteries (ICS code(s): 29.220.20); Electric road vehicles (ICS code(s): 43.120) This addendum concerns the notification of the	850760	0.00	35.35

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				<p>Ministerial Decree No.502/2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 8689-1 "Secondary lithium-ion cells for the propulsion of electric road vehicles - Part 1: Performance testing"; (47 page(s), in Arabic)It should be noted that the draft of this standard was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/352 dated 22 March 2023Worth mentioning is that this standard is technically identical with IEC 62660-1:2018.Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian standards through the publication of administrative orders in the official gazette.Date of adoption: 18 December 2023Date of entry into force: 5 January 2024Agency or authority designated to handle comments and text available from:National Enquiry Point Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality 16 Tadreeb El-Modarrebeen St., Ameriya, Cairo - EgyptE-mail: eos@idsc.net.eg/eos.tbt@eos.org.egW</p>			

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31	United States of America	31-01-2024	G/TBT/N/USA/1964/Add.4	<p>The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) received a petition requesting an amendment to its rule on button cell or coin battery packaging to allow for a smaller “Keep out of Reach” icon on the principal display panel for packages of button cell or coin batteries (Petition). The Commission invites written comments concerning this Petition. Submit comments by 29 March 2024. Title 16 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1263 This request for comment on a petition for rulemaking and previous actions notified under the symbol G/TBT/N/USA/1964 are identified by Docket Number CPSC-2024-0004. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/CPSC-2024-0004/document and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from Regulations.gov by</p>	85068010	0.00	30.27

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				<p>searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders by 4pm Eastern Time on 29 March 2024 will be shared with CPSC and will also be submitted to the Docket on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.</p>			