

Notifications Relating to Electrical and Electronics Products

1st – 29th February 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, often these measures result in perceived discrimination against imports in order to protect domestic industries.

The TBT Agreement seeks to ensure that standards, technical regulations, and conformity assessment procedures are non-discriminatory and are applied on a non-discriminatory basis.

This Newsletter captures NTBs notified by WTO members and its relevance to Electrical and Electronics products for the month of February 2024. It also highlights the potential impact of these NTBs on India’s exports.

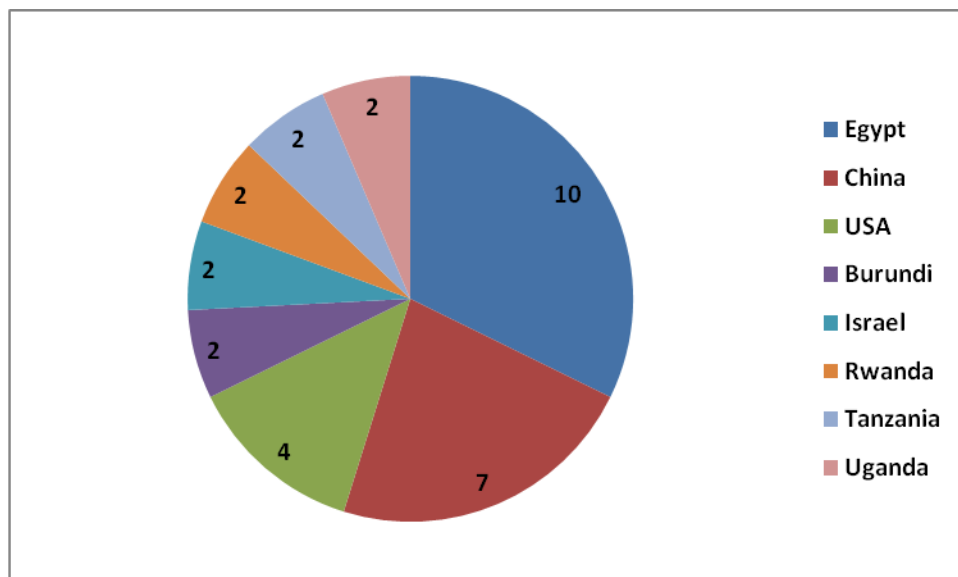
TBT Notifications Issued by WTO Member Countries

The various WTO Member countries issued 346 TBT notifications during February 2024. Of these, 33 are relevant to electronic products.

Country-wise Break-up of NTB Notifications

A review of TBTs Notifications relating to electrical and electronic products for the month of February 2024 reveals that out of the total 33 notifications, Egypt issued the relatively largest number of Notifications relating to electronic products, numbering 10, followed by China (7), USA (4), Burundi (2), Israel (2), Rwanda (2), Tanzania (2), Uganda (2) and 2 are other countries notifications, respectively. See Figure 1 for the distribution of TBT Notifications against electrical and electronic products.

Figure 1 Distribution of TBTs Notifications Against Electrical and Electronics Products



Potential Impact of TBT Notifications on Electronic Products

Data analysis reveals that Notifications issued by the WTO Member countries in February 2024 could potentially affect India's exports worth US\$3880.18 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, China alone would account for a decline in India's export of over US\$3304.91 million, followed by Russia at over US\$451.99 million, USA at over \$105.86 million, Israel at over US\$12 million, Tanzania at over US\$2.14 million, Egypt at over US\$2.18 million, Uganda at over US\$0.86 million, Rwanda at over US\$0.24 million, and El Salvador at over US\$0.01 million. India does not export any of the products to the markets of Burundi.

Table 1 describes Notifications and product-wise exports from India to these countries in 2022.

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

Sl. No.	Notifying Member	Distribution date	Document symbol	Description	HS code(s)	India's Exports of the product to issuing country in 2022 (Value in US \$ Million)	Notifying Member country's World Import in 2022 (Value in US\$ Million)
1	Russian Federation	02-02-2024	G/TBT/N/RUS/157	The draft amendments to Section 7 of Chapter II of the Common sanitary-epidemiological and hygienic requirements for products subject to sanitary-epidemiological supervision (control) approved by the Decision of the Commission of the Customs Union dated 28 May 2010 No. 299 provides for the updating the safety requirements for machinery, instrumentation and electrical engineering.	84, 85	451.99	58088.03
2	United States of America	05-02-2024	G/TBT/N/USA/1873/Add.2	The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") amends its Energy Labeling Rule ("Rule") by publishing new ranges of comparability for required Energy Guide labels on televisions. The amendments are effective 2 May 2024. Title 16 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 305. This final rule is identified by Docket Number FTC-2024-0008. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FTC-2024-0008/document and provides access to	852872	0.05	13384.38

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				<p>primary documents. Documents are also accessible from Regulations.gov by searching the Docket Number. Previous actions notified under the symbol G/TBT/N/USA/1873 are identified by Docket Number FTC-2022-0032. The docket folder on Regulations.gov is accessible at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FTC-2022-0032/document and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from Regulations.gov by searching the Docket Number.</p>			
3	Uganda	05-02-2024	G/TBT/N/BDI/154/Add.1, G/TBT/N/RWA/533/Add.1, G/TBT/N/TZA/643/Add.1, G/TBT/N/UGA/1443/Add.1	<p>The aim of this addendum is to update WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard, DEAS 1064-2:2021, Lighting products — Minimum energy performance standard — Part 2 — Luminaires in G/TBT/N/BDI/154, G/TBT/N/RWA/533, G/TBT/N/TZA/643 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1443 entered into force in Uganda on 1 December 2023. The Uganda Standard, US EAS 1064-2:2022, Lighting products — Minimum energy performance standard — Part 2 —</p>	9405	0.43	13.07

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				Luminaires, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/			
4	Tanzania	05-02-2024	G/TBT/N/BDI/153/Add.1, G/TBT/N/RWA/532/Add.1, G/TBT/N/TZA/642/Add.1, G/TBT/N/UGA/1442/Add.1	The aim of this addendum is to update WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard, DEAS 1064-1: 2021, Lighting products — Minimum energy performance standard — Part 1 — Lamps notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/153, G/TBT/N/RWA/532, G/TBT/N/TZA/642 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1442 entered into force in Uganda on 1 December 2023. The Uganda Standard, US EAS 1064-1:2022, Lighting products — Minimum energy performance standard — Part 1 — Lamps, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/	9405	1.07	10.78
5	Rwanda	05-02-2024	G/TBT/N/BDI/153/Add.1, G/TBT/N/RWA/532/Add.1, G/TBT/N/TZA/642/Add.1, G/TBT/N/UGA/1442	The aim of this addendum is to update WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard, DEAS 1064-1: 2021, Lighting products — Minimum energy performance standard — Part 1 — Lamps notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/153, G/TBT/N/RWA/532, G/TBT/N/TZA/642 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1442 entered into force in Uganda on 1 December 2023. The Uganda Standard, US EAS 1064-	9405	0.12	15.8

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			/Add.1	1:2022, Lighting products — Minimum energy performance standard — Part 1 — Lamps, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/			
6	Rwanda	05-02-2024	G/TBT/N/BDI/154/Add.1, G/TBT/N/RWA/533/Add.1, G/TBT/N/TZA/643/Add.1, G/TBT/N/UGA/1443/Add.1	The aim of this addendum is to update WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard, DEAS 1064-2:2021, Lighting products — Minimum energy performance standard — Part 2 – Luminaires in G/TBT/N/BDI/154, G/TBT/N/RWA/533, G/TBT/N/TZA/643 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1443 entered into force in Uganda on 1 December 2023. The Uganda Standard, US EAS 1064-2:2022, Lighting products — Minimum energy performance standard — Part 2 – Luminaires, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/	9405	0.12	15.8
7	Tanzania	05-02-2024	G/TBT/N/BDI/154/Add.1, G/TBT/N/RWA/533/Add.1, G/TBT/N/TZA/643/Add.1, G/TBT/N/UGA/1443	The aim of this addendum is to update WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard, DEAS 1064-2:2021, Lighting products — Minimum energy performance standard — Part 2 – Luminaires in G/TBT/N/BDI/154, G/TBT/N/RWA/533, G/TBT/N/TZA/643 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1443	9405	1.07	10.78

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			/Add.1	entered into force in Uganda on 1 December 2023. The Uganda Standard, US EAS 1064-2:2022, Lighting products — Minimum energy performance standard — Part 2 — Luminaires, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/			
8	Uganda	05-02-2024	G/TBT/N/BDI/153/Add.1, G/TBT/N/RWA/532/Add.1, G/TBT/N/TZA/642/Add.1, G/TBT/N/UGA/1442/Add.1	The aim of this addendum is to update WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard, DEAS 1064-1: 2021, Lighting products — Minimum energy performance standard — Part 1 — Lamps notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/153, G/TBT/N/RWA/532, G/TBT/N/TZA/642 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1442 entered into force in Uganda on 1 December 2023. The Uganda Standard, US EAS 1064-1:2022, Lighting products — Minimum energy performance standard — Part 1 — Lamps, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/	9405	0.43	13.07
9	Burundi	05-02-2024	G/TBT/N/BDI/153/Add.1, G/TBT/N/RWA/532/Add.1, G/TBT/N/TZA/642/A	The aim of this addendum is to update WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard, DEAS 1064-1: 2021, Lighting products — Minimum energy performance standard — Part 1 — Lamps notified in	9405	0	0.97

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10	Burundi	05-02-2024	G/TBT/N/BDI/154/A dd.1, G/TBT/N/RWA/533/ Add.1, G/TBT/N/TZA/643/A dd.1, G/TBT/N/UGA/1443 /Add.1	The aim of this addendum is to update WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard, DEAS 1064-2:2021, Lighting products — Minimum energy performance standard — Part 2 – Luminaires in G/TBT/N/BDI/154, G/TBT/N/RWA/533, G/TBT/N/TZA/643 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1443 entered into force in Uganda on 1 December 2023. The Uganda Standard, US EAS 1064-2:2022, Lighting products — Minimum energy performance standard — Part 2 – Luminaires, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/	9405	0	0.97
11	El Salvador	07-02-2024	G/TBT/N/SLV/216/A dd.1	The Government of the Republic of El Salvador informs that it notified on October 27, 2021, with document G/TBT/N/SLV/216,	9405	0.01	28.17

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				<p>the draft Salvadoran Technical Regulation RTS 29.02.01:21 ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS. LUMINAIRES. ENERGY EFFICIENCY SPECIFICATIONS, with the objective of "establishing minimum energy performance ranges, the test method, labeling and the conformity evaluation procedure, which must be met by the lamps and luminaires described in the regulation, which are manufactured, imported definitively, use and market within the Salvadoran territory." For this reason, the member countries of the WTO are informed that this Addendum is being made, informing them that this Salvadoran Technical Regulation has been updated in its content, for this reason it is communicates that the measure was issued through Agreement No. 168/2023 of the General Directorate of Energy, Hydrocarbons and Mines -DGEHM-, published in Official Gazette No. 232, Volume No. 441, dated December 11, 2023.</p>			
12	United States of America	08-02-2024	G/TBT/N/USA/1989/	Final guide; issuance - The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing	9405	105.81	11800.83

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			Add.1	Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide (RG), 1.204, "Guidelines for Lightning Protection for Production and Utilization Facilities." This regulatory guide (RG) revision endorses, with clarifications and exceptions, the methods described in four Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Standards (Std.). This revision also addresses one National Fire Protection Association standard and one Underwriters Laboratory standard as useful secondary references for demonstrating compliance with the applicable NRC regulations for adequate lightning protection of safety-related systems, structures, and components. Revision 1 to RG 1.204 is available on 7 February 2024. Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 50 and 52. This current action and the previous action notified as G/TBT/N/USA/1989 are identified by Docket Number NRC-2023-0089.			
13	Egypt	09-02-2024	G/TBT/N/EGY/390	The Ministerial Decree No. 502 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 8698 which applies to	940542	0.01	8.58

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				luminaries for cold cathode tubular discharge lamps and similar equipment, operating on a no-load rated output voltage over 1000 V but not exceeding 10000 V, mainly used for general lighting, for indoor or outdoor applications and for supply voltages up to 1000 V.			
14	Egypt	09-02-2024	G/TBT/N/EGY/379	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. 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.	851610	0.01	5.34
15	Egypt	09-02-2024	G/TBT/N/EGY/392	The Ministerial Decree No. 502 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month	9405	0.42	79.95

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				transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 8700 which specifies requirements for fixed luminaries intended for use in water, or in contact with water, in, for example, the basins of swimming pools, fountains, paddling pools, and garden pools, and for use with electric light sources.			
16	Egypt	09-02-2024	G/TBT/N/EGY/394	The Ministerial Decree No. 502 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 8702 which specifies requirements for lighting chains fitted with series, parallel or a combination of series/parallel connected light sources for use either indoors or outdoors on supply voltages not exceeding 250 V. Worth mentioning is that this standard adopts the technical content of IEC 60598-2-20:2022	9405	0.42	79.95
17	Egypt	09-02-2024	G/TBT/N/EGY/383	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	85167990	0.00	2.43

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				<p>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.</p> <p>This standard also applies to control units supplied with the appliance.</p> <p>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.</p>			
18	Egypt	09-02-2024	G/TBT/N/EGY/377	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)	850980	0.00	17.68

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				supplied appliances and battery-operated appliances.			
19	Egypt	09-02-2024	G/TBT/N/EGY/396	The Ministerial Decree No. 502 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 8704 which specifies requirements for extra-low-voltage (ELV) lighting systems for ELV light sources, intended for ordinary interior use on supply voltages not exceeding 1000 V. The luminaries connected in parallel are supplied via freely suspended continuous supporting conductors or profiles, the current in the ELV part of the system not exceeding 25 A. Worth mentioning is that this standard adopts the technical content of IEC 60598-2-23:2020	9405	0.42	79.95
20	Egypt	09-02-2024	G/TBT/N/EGY/380	The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month 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,	8509	0.05	35.36

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				<p>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: 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; Children playing with the appliance. Attention is drawn to the fact that For appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements can be necessary. In many countries, additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour, and similar authorities.</p>			

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				Worth mentioning is that this standard adopts the technical content of IEC 60335-2-54:2022			
21	Egypt	09-02-2024	G/TBT/N/EGY/391	The Ministerial Decree No. 502 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 8699 which specifies requirements for stage, television, film and photographic studio luminaries (including spot and floodlighting projectors) for use outdoors and indoors, with electric light sources on supply voltages not exceeding 1000 V.Worth mentioning is that this standard adopts the technical content of IEC 60598-2-17:2017	9405	0.42	79.95
22	Egypt	09-02-2024	G/TBT/N/EGY/389	The Ministerial Decree No. 502 /2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 8696, which specifies requirements for mains socket-outlet mounted nightlights for use with electric light sources on supply voltages not exceeding 250 V AC 50/60 Hz. Worth mentioning is that this standard adopts the	9405	0.42	79.95

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				technical content of IEC 60598-2-12:2013			
23	Israel	09-02-2024	G/TBT/N/ISR/1258/Add.1	The second amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 32 part 1.1 dealing with plugs and socket outlets for single phase up to 16A was published in Israel's Official Gazette on 7 February 2024 and entered into force immediately. Nevertheless, the standard's edition with only the first amendment and the standard with the two amendments will apply together until 7 April 2024.	8536	6	545.01
24	China	09-02-2024	G/TBT/N/CHN/1798	<p>This document specifies the safety requirements for electrical equipment and systems throughout their life cycle.</p> <p>This document applies to the electrical, electronic and programmable electronic equipment and systems of machinery (including a group of machines that work together).</p> <p>This document applies to the design, manufacture, production, use and maintenance of electrical equipment. This</p>	8536, 8537	49.22	21501.45

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				<p>document applies to electrical equipment or components of electrical equipment whose nominal power supply voltage not exceed 1,000 V A. C. or 1,500 V D. C., and rated frequency not exceed 200Hz.</p> <p>This document applies to the design, manufacture, production, use and maintenance of electrical equipment.</p> <p>This document does not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — — Electrical equipment for use in explosive atmospheres ; — — Electrical equipment for radiological and medical purposes ; — — Electrical parts of elevators for goods and personnel ; — — Electricity meter ; <p>Special electrical equipment for ships,</p>			

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				aircraft or railways.			
25	China	09-02-2024	G/TBT/N/CHN/1801	<p>This document specifies the terms and definitions, classification, requirements, tests, inspection rules and symbols for pyrolysis sensing electrical fire monitoring detectors.</p> <p>This document applies to the pyrolysis sensing electrical fire monitoring detector in the electrical fire monitoring system of.</p>	853110	0.33	55.16
26	China	12-02-2024	G/TBT/N/CHN/1810	The document specifies the terms and definitions, classification, requirements, testing, inspection rules, signs, and user manuals of fire emergency lighting and evacuate indicating system. The document applies to the design, manufacturing, and inspection of fire emergency lighting and evacuate indicating system used in industrial and civil buildings.	940541	0.00	1.26
27	China	12-02-2024	G/TBT/N/CHN/1813	This document specifies the general principles, life cycle requirements, and product requirements for energy saving and environmental protection of household and similar electri	84 & 85	1627.45	846838.19

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				cal appliances. This document applies to the energy saving and environmental protection of household and similar electrical appliances and the production, installation and recycling stages thereof.			
28	China	12-02-2024	G/TBT/N/CHN/1808	This document specifies the classification, requirements, inspection rules and signs of point-type smoke detectors and describes the corresponding tests. This document applies to the design, manufacture and inspection of point-type smoke detectors products used in industrial and civil buildings.	853190	0.12	207.43
29	China	12-02-2024	G/TBT/N/CHN/1812	This document specifies general principles, basic safety, health protection function, marking and instruction and corresponding test methods for health safety of household and similar electrical appliances. This document applies to the design, manufacturing, inspection, use, installation,	84 & 85	1627.45	846838.19

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				maintenance, repair and other aspects of household and similar electrical appliances.			
30	China	12-02-2024	G/TBT/N/CHN/1809	<p>This document specifies the terms and definitions of fire alarm control units, specifies the classification and naming, requirements, inspection rules and signs, and describes the corresponding tests.</p> <p>This document applies to the design, manufacture and inspection of fire alarm control units products used in industrial and civil buildings.</p>	853110	0.33	55.16
31	United States of America	15-02-2024	G/TBT/N/USA/998/R ev.1	<p>Notice of proposed rulemaking - The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including consumer conventional cooking products. In this notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR"), the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes new and amended energy conservation standards for</p>	851430	0.00	0.00

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				consumer conventional cooking products identical to those set forth in a direct final rule published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register. If DOE receives adverse comment and determines that such comment may provide a reasonable basis for withdrawal of the direct final rule, DOE will publish a notice of withdrawal and will proceed with this proposed rule.			
32	United States of America	16-02-2024	G/TBT/N/USA/998/R ev.1/Add.1	Direct final rule - The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including consumer conventional cooking products. In this direct final rule, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is adopting new and amended energy conservation standards for consumer conventional cooking products. DOE has determined that the new and amended energy conservation	851430	0.00	0.00

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				<p>standards for these products would result in significant conservation of energy, and are technologically feasible and economically justified. The effective date of this rule is 13 June 2024. If adverse comments are received by 3 June 2024 and DOE determines that such comments may provide a reasonable basis for withdrawal of the direct final rule under 42 U.S.C. 6295(o), a timely withdrawal of this rule will be published in the Federal Register (and notified to the WTO TBT Committee). If no such adverse comments are received, compliance with the new and amended standards established for consumer conventional cooking products in this direct final rule is required on and after 31 January 2028. Comments regarding the likely competitive impact of the standards in this direct final rule should be sent to the Department of Justice contact listed in the ADDRESSES section on or before 15 March 2024. This notice of proposed rulemaking and previous actions notified under the symbol G/TBT/N/USA/998 are identified by</p>			

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				Docket Number EERE-2014-BT-STD-0005. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point.			
33	Israel	20-02-2024	G/TBT/N/ISR/1302/Corr.1	Item 9 - The proposed date of entry into force should be read as follows: The proposed third amendment to the Mandatory Standard I 32 part 1.1, dealing with electrical outlets, will enter into force 6 months after publication in Israel's Official Gazette, Section of Government Notice.	8536	6	545.01