

21 June 2023

### 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 10 to 16 June 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the six (6) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/675/Add.1</a>	Canada	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 June 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Tobacco product packages - Addendum	The proposed regulations notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/675 (dated 15 June 2022) were adopted and published in Canada Gazette, Part II on June 7, 2023. The Regulations Amending the Tobacco Products Regulations (Plain and Standardized Appearance) (Regulations) bring Canada into full compliance with its international tobacco labelling requirements by extending the display of health warnings and toxicity information to all tobacco product packages. They also introduce a rotation scheme for all health-related messages. The Regulations introduce a mandatory display of health warnings directly on individual cigarettes, little cigars that have tipping paper, and tubes.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/521</a>	Mexico	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 June 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 12 August 2023	Seed quality certification labels for sowing	The objective of this Standard Modification Project Oficial Mexicana is to establish the characteristics and specifications that the seed quality certification labels for sowing, which certify that Said seeds, including propagation material, are produced in Mexico in accordance with with the methods, criteria and quality specifications established in the Rules for the Seed qualification

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				for each species or crop. This Modification Project of the Official Mexican Standard does not apply to imported seeds and declared seeds.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/N/IC/176</a>	Nicaragua	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 16 June 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Applicable</p>	Pesticides for domestic use and professional use	This resolution establishes the requirements for registration, manufacturing, formulation, import, export, distribution, marketing, use and management of pesticides for domestic use and professional use of botanical origin and microbiological. In addition, it includes the requirements for registration renewal and for the license procedure as importer, distributor and marketer of pesticides for use or for professional use, of botanical and microbiological origin
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/N/ZL/109/Ad d.4</a>	New Zealand	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 13 June 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated</p>	Smoked tobacco products - Addendum	New Zealand's Ministry of Health Manatū Hauora is holding a targeted consultation on a clarifying amendment to the manner in which the nicotine strength for vaping products containing nicotine salts is expressed in the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Regulations 2021 (the Regulations). This is because there has been some confusion regarding the interpretation of clause 15 of Schedule 5 of the Regulations relating to vaping products. This clause states that the strength of nicotine salt in a vaping substance must not exceed 50mg/mL.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/U/KR/248/Re v.1</a>	Ukraine	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 13 June 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 August 2023</p>	Agricultural and forestry tractors, their trailers and interchangeable towed machinery, systems, components and separate technical	The draft Resolution provides for the introduction of a procedure for approving the type of single samples of agricultural and forestry vehicles and batches of such samples; establishes the form of a certificate of approval of the type of single sample of a vehicle; eliminates terminological inconsistencies.

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<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UR/78</a>	Uruguay	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 12 June 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 10 August 2023	Seeds	The criteria for the approval of the denominations of seed varieties in each MERCOSUR Member State.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,



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