

29 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) from 17 to 23 June 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the eight (8) notified draft technical regulations from four (4) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/BDI/374	Burundi	Date of Distribution: June 22, 2023 Deadline for Comments: August 21, 2023	Skin applied mosquito repellent	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for skin applied mosquito repellent bathing soap.
G/TBT/N/EGY/362	Egypt	Date of Distribution: June 19, 2023 Deadline for Comments: August 18, 2023	Fluorocarbon, hydrocarbon, and carbon dioxide refrigerants	This draft of Egyptian standard specifies acceptable levels of contaminants (purity requirements) for fluorocarbon, hydrocarbon, and carbon dioxide refrigerants regardless of source and lists acceptable test methods.
G/TBT/N/EU/988	European Union	Date of Distribution: June 20, 2023 Deadline for Comments: August 19, 2023	Biocidal products: formic acid	This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves formic acid as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-types 2, 3, 4, 5.
G/TBT/N/EU/989	European Union	Date of Distribution: June 22, 2023 Deadline for Comments: August 21, 2023	Wash-off cosmetic products	This draft Commission Regulation aims to complement the existing restriction of D4 and D5 in wash-of cosmetic products (entry 70 of Annex XVII to the REACH Regulation) by restricting the placing on the market of D6 in wash-off cosmetic products. Moreover, it aims to restrict the placing on the market of D4, D5 and D6 on their own, as a constituent of other substances (but

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				excluding polymers) and in mixtures in other consumer and professional products more generally. Finally, it aims to restrict the use of D4, D5 and D6 as a solvent for the dry cleaning of textiles, leather and fur. For ease of legibility, the draft aims to replace the existing entry 70 altogether.
G/TBT/N/USA/2009	United States of America	<p>Date of Distribution: June 21, 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: July 20, 2023</p>	Chemical substances	<p>Proposed rule - EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the >Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for certain chemical substances that were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) and are also subject to an Order issued by EPA pursuant to TSCA. The SNURs require persons who intend to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process any of these chemical substances for an activity that is proposed as a significant new use by this rule to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing that activity. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the use, under the conditions of use for that chemical substance, within the applicable review period. Persons may not commence manufacture or processing for the significant new use until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and has taken such actions as are required by that determination.</p>

G/TBT/N/USA/2010	United States of America	Date of Distribution: June 23, 2023 Deadline for Comments: August 7, 2023	Flame Retardants	Proposed rule - Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) for three flame retardants, tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate (TCEP), 4,4'-(1-methylethylidene)bis[2, 6-dibromophenol], also known as "tetrabromobisphenol A," (TBBPA), and triphenyl phosphate (TPP), which are all undergoing TSCA risk evaluations.
G/TBT/N/USA/2008	United States of America	Date of Distribution: June 19, 2023 Deadline for Comments: August 15, 2023	Toxic substances: Perchloroethylene (PCE)	Proposed rule - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to address the unreasonable risk of injury to human health presented by perchloroethylene (PCE) under its conditions of use as documented in EPA's December 2020 Risk Evaluation for PCE and December 2022 revised risk determination for PCE prepared under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).
G/TBT/N/USA/1668/Add.2	United States of America	Date of Distribution: June 23, 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Certain hydrofluorocarbons in stationary refrigeration, chillers, aerosols-propellants, and foam end-uses	A reminder for Air Conditioning and Variable Refrigerant Flow Equipment Manufacturers: the R4 Program Baseline Report is due by 1 July 2023.

To access the notification form, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink. Should you have any queries on this matter or request for full text of draft regulation in English, please do not hesitate to email us at BPS@dti.gov.ph copy bps.smd@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


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