

16 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 03 to 09 June 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the fifteen (15) notified draft technical regulations from Burundi, European Union, Viet Nam, and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/B/DI/366	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 05 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 03 August 2023	Cosmetics	This Draft East African Standard lays down the list of products that are categorized as cosmetics.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/367	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 05 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 03 August 2023	Henna powder	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for pure henna powder.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/368	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 05 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 03 August 2023	Hair oils	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for hair oils. The standard covers hair oils made from vegetable oils, mineral oil or the mixture of vegetable oil and mineral oil. Hair oils for which therapeutic claims are made are not covered by this standard.
G/TBT/N/E/U/985	European Union	Date of Distribution: 06 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 04 August 2023	Biocidal products	This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves sulfur dioxide generated from sulfur by combustion as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 4.

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Membership:

- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
 - National Enquiry Point (NEP)
 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

G/TBT/NE U/986	European Union	<p>Date of Distribution: 08 June 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 04 August 2023</p>	Cosmetics	<p>The measures proposed by the draft Commission Regulation are part of the on-going and regular adaptations of the Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 (Cosmetics Regulation - CPR). Based on the latest scientific opinions by the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) the proposed measures aim at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - prohibiting the use of 4-MBC (i.e., delisting this UV-filter from Annex VI and introducing it in Annex II to the CPR); - establishing restrictions in Annex III for the substance 'Genistein', used as skin conditioning/protecting and antioxidant in cosmetic products; - establishing restrictions in Annex III for the substance 'Daidzein', used as skin conditioning/protecting and antioxidant in cosmetic products; - establishing restrictions in Annex III for the substance 'Kojic Acid', used as skin lightening/whitening or depigmenting agent in cosmetic products; - further restricting the use of the preservative 'Triclosan' in cosmetic products by amending the existing restrictions in Annex V; - further restricting the use of the preservative 'Triclocarban' in cosmetic products by amending the existing restrictions in Annex V; - establishing restrictions in Annex III for the Vitamin A compounds 'Retinol', 'Retinyl Acetate' and 'Retinyl Palmitate' used as skin conditioning agent in cosmetic products; - establishing restrictions in Annex III for the substance 'Alpha-Arbutin' used as skin
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				bleaching and skin conditioning agents in cosmetic products; - establishing restrictions in Annex III for the substance 'Arbutin' used as skin bleaching and skin conditioning agents in cosmetic products.
G/TBT/N/V NM/257	Viet Nam	Date of Distribution: 05 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 03 August 2023	Industrial explosive materials : safety period delay electric detonator	This draft national technical regulation specifies requirements for technical specifications, testing methods and management measures for safety period delay electric detonator. This draft national technical regulation applies to organizations and individuals having activities related to safety period delay electric detonator in the territory of Viet Nam and other relevant organizations and individuals.
G/TBT/N/V NM/258	Viet Nam	Date of Distribution: 05 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 03 August 2023	Industrial explosive materials : signal tube	This draft national technical regulation specifies requirements for technical specifications, testing methods and management measures for signal tube. This draft national technical regulation applies to organizations and individuals having activities related to signal tube in the territory of Viet Nam and other relevant organizations and individuals.
G/TBT/N/V NM/259	Viet Nam	Date of Distribution: 05 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 03 August 2023	Boundary emulsion explosives for opencast and underground mines, underground works without explosive gas	This draft national technical regulation specifies requirements for technical specifications, testing methods and management measures for boundary emulsion explosives for opencast and underground mines, underground works without explosive gas. This draft national technical regulation applies to organizations and individuals having activities related to boundary emulsion explosives for opencast and underground mines, underground works without explosive gas in the

				territory of Viet Nam and other relevant organizations and individuals.
G/TBT/N/V NM/260	Viet Nam	Date of Distribution: 05 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 03 August 2023	Industrial explosive materials : octogen explosives	<p>This draft national technical regulation specifies requirements for technical specifications, testing methods and management measures for Octogen explosives. This draft national technical regulation applies to organizations and individuals having activities related to Octogen explosives in the territory of Viet Nam and other relevant organizations and individuals.</p>
G/TBT/N/V NM/261	Viet Nam	Date of Distribution: 05 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 03 August 2023	Safety of industrial explosive materials : pentrit explosives	<p>This draft national technical regulation specifies requirements for technical specifications, testing methods and management measures for Pentrit explosives. This draft national technical regulation applies to organizations and individuals having activities related to Pentrit explosives in the territory of Viet Nam and other relevant organizations and individuals.</p>
G/TBT/N/V NM/262	Viet Nam	Date of Distribution: 05 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 03 August 2023	Safety of industrial explosive materials : electronic detonator	<p>This draft national technical regulation specifies requirements for technical specifications, testing methods and management measures for Electronic detonator. This draft national technical regulation applies to organizations and individuals having activities related to Electronic detonator in the territory of Viet Nam and other relevant organizations and individuals.</p>

G/TBT/N/V NM/263	Viet Nam	<p>Date of Distribution: 05 June 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 03 August 2023</p>	Safety of industrial explosive materials : non-electric period delay detonator	This draft national technical regulation specifies requirements for technical specifications, testing methods and management measures for non-electric period delay detonator. This draft national technical regulation applies to organizations and individuals having activities related to Non-electric period delay detonator in the territory of Viet Nam and other relevant organizations and individuals.
G/TBT/N/V NM/264	Viet Nam	<p>Date of Distribution: 06 June 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 04 August 2023</p>	Industrial explosive materials : non-electric period delay detonator	This draft national technical regulation specifies requirements for technical specifications, testing methods and management measures for Non-electric period delay detonator. This draft national technical regulation applies to organizations and individuals having activities related to non-electric period delay detonator in the territory of Viet Nam and other relevant organizations and individuals.
G/TBT/N/V NM/265	Viet Nam	<p>Date of Distribution: 06 June 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 04 August 2023</p>	Industrial explosive materials : non-electric period delay detonator	This draft national technical regulation specifies requirements for technical specifications, testing methods and management measures for Non-electric period delay detonator.
G/TBT/N/U SA/1958/A dd.1	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 06 June 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Toxic chemicals in consumer products - Addendum	On 31 May 2023, the Washington State Department of Ecology adopted a new rule, Chapter 173-337 WAC—Safer Products Restrictions and Reporting. This new chapter establishes a regulatory program to reduce toxic chemicals in consumer products and increase product ingredient transparency, as directed by Washington State law.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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