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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 27 May to 02 June 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the six (6) notified draft technical regulations from Burundi, Ghana, and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/B/DI/359	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 30 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 28 July 2023	Copper / chromium / arsenic composition for the preservation of timber	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements for two types of water-borne preservatives containing mixtures of compounds of copper (II), chromium (VI) and arsenic (V).
G/TBT/N/B/DI/360	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 31 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 29 July 2023	Wood preservatives and treated timber for analysis	This Draft East African Standard gives guidance on the general procedures to be followed in the sampling and preparation for analysis of preservatives and preservative-treated timber. No attempt has been made here to define rigidly any detailed methodology to be followed in operations in these areas because this can depend upon the nature of the preservative, the method of treatment, and the particular requirements of relevant approval authorities
G/TBT/N/G/HA/52	Ghana	Date of Distribution: 30 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable	Hydrochlorofluorocarbon-based air conditioners	In partial fulfilment of Ghana's obligations to phase out the consumption of Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFCs), mainly R22 under the Montreal Protocol, a Hydrochlorofluorocarbon Phase-out Management Plan (HPMP) was developed to guide the implementation of the phasing out process

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G/TBT/N/U SA/2006	United States	Date of Distribution: 01 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 31 July 2023	Hazardous materials	PHMSA proposes to amend the Hazardous Materials Regulations to maintain alignment with international regulations and standards by adopting various amendments, including changes to proper shipping names, hazard classes, packing groups, special provisions, packaging authorizations, air transport quantity limitations, and vessel stowage requirements.
G/TBT/N/U SA/1554/A dd.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 02 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 27 June 2023	Hazardous air pollutants : ethylene oxide commercial sterilization and fumigation	EPA is proposing amendments to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for the Commercial Sterilization Facilities source category. The EPA is proposing decisions concerning the risk and technology review (RTR), including proposing amendments pursuant to the technology review for certain point source emissions and proposing amendments pursuant to the risk review to specifically address ethylene oxide (EtO) emissions from point source and room air emissions from all commercial sterilization facilities. The EPA is also proposing amendments to correct and clarify regulatory provisions related to emissions during periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM), including removing general exemptions for periods of SSM and adding work practice standards for periods of SSM where appropriate. Lastly, the EPA is proposing to revise monitoring and performance testing requirements and to add provisions for electronic reporting of performance test results and reports, performance evaluation reports, and compliance reports. We estimate that, if finalized, these proposed amendments would reduce EtO emissions from this source category by 19 tons

				per year (tpy) and reduce risks to public health to acceptable levels.
G/TBT/N/US/2005	United States	Date of Distribution: 30 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 25 July 2023	New chemicals regulations under the toxic substances control	The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing amendments to the new chemicals procedural regulations under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). These amendments are intended to align the regulatory text with the amendments to TSCA's new chemicals review provisions contained in the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, enacted on 22 June 2016, improve the efficiency of EPA's review processes, and update the regulations based on existing policies and experience implementing the New Chemicals Program. The proposal includes amendments that would reduce the need to redo all or part of the risk assessment by improving information initially submitted in new chemicals notices, which should also help reduce the length of time that new chemicals notices are under review.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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