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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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 18 to 24 February 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulation from United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/827/Rev.4/Add.2</a>	United States	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 22 February 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated</p>	Composite wood products - Addendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is publishing a final rule to update the incorporation by reference of several voluntary consensus standards in the Agency's formaldehyde standards for composite wood products regulations under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) that have since been updated, superseded, or withdrawn by the issuing organizations. In addition, EPA is taking final action to reflect its interpretation that remote inspections by third-party certifiers (TPCs) are allowed in certain circumstances in the event of unsafe conditions such as the on-going COVID-19 pandemic or other unsafe conditions such as natural disasters, outbreaks, political unrest, and epidemics. Finally, EPA is making certain technical corrections and conforming changes including updating standards within the definitions section, clarifying language as it relates to production, and creating greater flexibilities for the third-party certification process.

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](mailto:BPS@dti.gov.ph) copy [bps.smd@dti.gov.ph](mailto:bps.smd@dti.gov.ph).

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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